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June 11, 1964

Mr. J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel  
President's Commission on the  
Assassination of President Kennedy  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

There are attached statements made by Secret Service personnel, named below, shortly after November 22, 1963, of their recollection of the events surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy.

William R. Greer  
Roy H. Kellerman  
Samuel A. Kinney  
Emory P. Roberts  
Clinton J. Hill  
William T. McIntyre  
John D. Ready  
Paul E. Landis, Jr.  
Glen A. Bennett  
George W. Hickey, Jr.  
Rufus W. Youngblood

Thomas L. Johns  
Jerry D. Kivett  
Warren W. Taylor  
Stewart G. Stout, Jr.  
David B. Grant  
Samuel E. Sulliman  
Ernest E. Olsson, Jr.  
John Joe Howlett  
Andrew E. Berger  
Robert A. Steuart  
Richard E. Johnsen

There are also attached three statements taken from Joe Henry Rich, Murchel Jacks, and Milton T. Wright, members of the Texas Highway Patrol, who were assigned as drivers in the motorcade on November 22, 1963, in Dallas.

Statements by Special Agent in Charge Sorrels and Special Agent Winston Lawson have been previously made a part of the Commission's records.

Very truly yours,

  
James J. Rowley

Attachments

William R. Greer's Report on Dallas, Texas

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November 22, 1963. 11.35 AM. I arrived at Love Field, Dallas, Texas aboard USAF Plane #26000 from Fort Worth, Texas. My assignment at Dallas was to drive the President's Lincoln Convertible Limousine.

When I got off the plane, I went to where the President's Limousine and the Cadillac Followup Automobile were parked. I had the President's coats and hat and placed them on the front seat.

After the President and Mrs Kennedy had shook hands with some of the people at the airport the President, Mrs Kennedy, Governor and Mrs Connally entered the automobile with the President seated on the right side of the rear seat and Mrs Kennedy sitting on the left side, Governor Connally sat on the right jump seat in front of the President and Mrs Connally sat on the left jump seat. ASAC Kellerman sat on the right front seat and I was driving.

After we left the airport, we drove several miles at speeds ranging from 15 to 30 miles per hour depending on the crowds. When we reached the ~~in~~ business section of Dallas the crowds were very large and the motorcycle Police along side the President's automobile had a hard time keeping the people back.

When we came to a point where the crowd had thinned out, there was a right turn for about half a block and then a left turn. At this point, I would say the President's automobile was traveling about 12 to 15 miles per hour.

A short distance ahead, the street passed under a railroad or expressway. A building stood on ~~side of~~ the street, that would have been the last building we would have had to pass before entering the underpass.

The President's automobile was almost past this building and I was looking at the overpass that we were about to pass under in case someone was on top of it, when I heard what I thought was the backfire of a motorcycle behind the President's automobile. After the second shot, I glanced over my right shoulder and saw Governor Connally start to fall, I knew then that something was wrong and I immediately pushed the accelerator to the floor and Mr. Kellerman said, "out of here."

We rushed up to the police escort and I called to the motorcycle police, Hospital. Mr. Kellerman was calling to the lead automobile on the radio to get to the nearest hospital fast. I drove as fast as I could to the hospital and helped to get the President into the emergency room. I guarded the emergency room door until the doctors and nurses had completed their duty. I then drove an official automobile behind the ambulance to Love Airfield, Dallas. I boarded USAF Plane #26000 and returned to Andrews AFB, Wash. D.C. From Andrews AFB, I drove the U.S. Navy ambulance with the President's Body, accompanied by Mrs Kennedy and the Attorney General to the U.S. Naval Medical Center.

I assisted Mr. Kellerman while the autopsy was being performed and then drove the ambulance with the President's body to the White House.

*William R. Greer*  
William R. Greer

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The Assassination of President John F. Kennedy  
on November 22, 1963, at Dallas, Texas

The President with Mrs. Kennedy and official party arrived at Love Field, Dallas, Texas, aboard AF #1 (USAF 26000) at 11:40 a.m. (cst). After receiving members of the official reception party, the President and Mrs. Kennedy walked over to a fenced area and shook hands with many of the people who had gathered there to view their arrival. At the conclusion of greeting the gathering, the President, Mrs. Kennedy, Governor and Mrs. Connally entered the presidential limousine (special car: bubble-top, 1961 Lincoln Continental, seven-passenger, four-door convertible sedan). The President sat on the right rear seat with Mrs. Kennedy to the left of him. Governor Connally sat on the right jump seat and Mr. Connally sat on the left jump seat. I rode in the front (right side) and William Greer drove the vehicle.

In the Secret Service follow-up car, 1956 Cadillac touring sedan (top down), driven by SA Samuel Kinney, ATSAIC Emory Roberts rode in the right front seat, SA John Ready stood on the right front running board, SA Paul Landis on right rear running board, SA Clinton J. Hill on left front running board and William McIntyre on left rear running board. SA Glen Bennett rode in the right rear seat and SA George Hickey on the left rear seat. Mr. Kenneth O'Donnell and Mr. David Powers (White House staff) rode the left and right jump seats respectively.

Behind the follow-up car was the Vice President's car with Vice President and Mrs. Johnson and Senator Yarborough in the rear seat. SA Rufus Youngblood rode in the right front seat and a police officer drove the car. The following vehicles were four cars of congressional members, press cars, VIP bus and then press busses.

We departed Love Field at 11:55 a.m., along the planned motorcade route, enroute to a luncheon at the Trade Mart, given by the Democratic Citizens Council, scheduled for 12:30 p.m. cst. As the motorcade completed the main thoroughfare through Dallas, we made a sharp right turn, for about a 1/2 block, then a curved left turn into a slight downhill grade, entering an area with little or no spectators. We were still traveling at the normal rate of speed of from 12 to 15 miles per hour when I heard a noise, similar to a firecracker, exploding in the area to the rear of the car, about 12:30 p.m.

Immediately I heard what I firmly believe was the President's voice, "My God, I'm hit!" I turned around to find out what happened when two additional shots rang out, and the President slumped into Mrs. Kennedy's

lap and Governor Connally fell into Mrs. Connally's lap. I heard Mrs. Kennedy shout, "What are they doing to you?"

*Confidential* I yelled at William Greer (the driver) to "Step on it, we're hit!" and grabbed the mike from the car radio, called to SA Lawson in the police lead car that we were hit and to get us to a hospital.

With SA Lawson riding in the police car they quickly formed the accompanying escort for the motorcade around our limousines and sped us through the streets to the emergency entrance of Parkland Memorial Hospital. Sometime during the ride to the hospital while looking back into the car I noticed SA Hill hanging on to the back of the car, laying across the trunk. When we got to the hospital I called to the agents to get two stretchers. The special agents of the follow-up car with the police ran into the hospital, obtained two stretchers on wheels. We placed the Governor on the first one at which time I noticed he was conscious and I spoke to him saying, "Governor, everything is going to be all right." His eyes were wide open and he nodded his head in agreement. Just before we removed the President, SA Hill took off his coat, placed it over the President's head and chest and we placed him on the stretcher. Both were taken into separate emergency rooms. The hospital staff appeared quickly and went immediately to work. I accompanied the President to the emergency room. His eyes were closed but I could see no visible damage to his face. The room was crowded with the medical people so I immediately walked out into a doctor's room, asked SA Lawson for the phone number of the White House switchboard in Dallas. SA Hill dialed the number to the White House operator in Washington and I talked with Gerald A. Behn, Special Agent in Charge, White House Detail. I informed him that we had an incident in Dallas, the President and Governor Connally had been shot and both were in emergency rooms at the Parkland Memorial Hospital. This I believe was about 12:38 p.m. cst. This direct telephone line from Dallas to SAIC Behn at Washington was kept open from this time until the plane departed. SAIC Behn was kept informed of all proceedings, plans or desires of both Mrs. Kennedy and President Johnson.

We immediately secured the corridors and the emergency room area, furnished the blood type of the President to the medical staff upon their request. It should be noted that Vice President and Mrs. Johnson were placed in a separate room away from the emergency room. Some time later SA Warren Taylor came to me and said the Vice President wanted to see me. Mr. Johnson asked me the condition of the President and the Governor. I advised him that the Governor was taken up to surgery, that

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the doctors were still working on the President. He asked me to keep him informed of his condition. SA Kinney entered the emergency room area when I returned there and asked if it would be all right to drive the President's car and the follow-up car back to the airport, load them aboard the plane. I said "Yes" and told him to return the cars to Washington, D.C.

The 4 to 12 shift (ATSAIC Stout, etc.) joined us at the emergency room and the 8 to 4 shift (ATSAIC Roberts, etc.) immediately joined the Vice President and Mrs. Johnson.

Through Dr. Burkley, President's physician, we were advised officially of the death of the President which was registered on the death certificate as 1 p.m. est. Between 1 p.m., and our departure from the hospital at 2:04 p.m. est., a casket was obtained and with Mrs. Kennedy, SA Hill and Dr. Burkley riding in the hearse with the casket, SA Berger (Stout and Kellerman in front seat) drove the hearse with police escort to Love Field.

The Vice President and Mrs. Johnson had preceded us with Roberts shift to the airport and when we had arrived, the field had been secured and we rushed to AF 26000. All available special agents carried the casket from the ambulance up the rear steps and placed it in the rear section of the plane. When we boarded the plane, Vice President Johnson and his party were aboard the plane. The services of Federal Judge Sarah T. Hughes was obtained, she was brought into the plane, and Vice President Johnson was administered the oath of office and sworn in as President at 2:38 p.m. est.

At 2:47 p.m., USAF 26000 was airborne for Washington, D. C., arriving at Andrews Air Force Base at 5:58 p.m., est.

While airborne, arrangements were made for a Naval ambulance from the New Naval Medical Center at Bethesda to be available at the airport. Upon landing we removed the casket, placed it into the ambulance. At the airport, Chief Rowley advised me that two FBI agents, Francis O'Neill, Jr., and James Siebert, had been assigned to this case and to allow them into the morgue at the U. S. Naval Hospital. I told Chief Rowley the cars would arrive at Andrews at about 8 p.m., and suggested he assign field agents to them to completely go over them for any evidence that might be found.

Mrs. Kennedy, Robert Kennedy and General McHugh sat in the rear of the ambulance; SAs Greer, Landis and myself with Dr. Burkley rode in the front to Bethesda, with a police escort. The body was immediately taken to the morgue and the family was assigned rooms in the Towers *RHK*

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of the Center. Hill and Landis remained with Mrs. Kennedy in her quarters and William Greer and I remained in the morgue and viewed the autopsy examinations which were performed by Vice Admiral Galloway, Commanding Officer, NNMIC, Chief Pathologist Cdr. James Humes, Lt. Col. Pierre A. Finck who is Chief, Military Environmental Pathology Division and Chief of Wound Ballistics, Pathology Branch, and J. Thornton Boswell, Cdr. Medical Corps, USN, together with the Naval Medical Staff. SA O'Leary was also in the morgue briefly. Agents O'Neill and Siebert were present.

During the night Joseph Gawlers Sons, Inc., funeral directors, were notified by Robert Kennedy and Sargent Shriver and a new coffin was obtained. After the completion of the autopsy and before the embalming I summoned SA Hill down to the morgue to view the body and to witness the damage of the gunshot wounds. The embalming was performed after the autopsy by the staff of Joseph Gawlers.

Prior to our departure from the Naval Hospital I received all film, x-rays, that were used during this autopsy, and upon arrival at the White House I turned them over to SAIC Bouck.

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We left the hospital at 3:56 a.m. in the Navy ambulance and with police escort motored to the White House. Mrs. Kennedy and Robert Kennedy rode in the hearse, SA Greer drove, Kellerman in the front seat, SAs Hill and Landis with members of the family rode in cars following the ambulance. We arrived at the White House at 4:24 a.m. The body was placed in the East Room.

On Wednesday, November 27, 1963, FBI Agents O'Neill and Siebert were given an oral statement along the lines of this report.

*Roy H. Kellerman*  
 Roy H. Kellerman  
 Assistant Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Chief

DATE: November 30, 1963

FROM : ASAC Kellerman - 1-16 *PHK*

SUBJECT: Security measures taken for the late President Kennedy, and President Johnson, from Parkland Memorial Hospital, Dallas, Texas, to the US Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland and to The White House on November 22 and 23, 1963.

When the late President Kennedy and the official motorcade departed Love Field, Dallas, Texas, on November 22, 1963, SA's Lawton (8-4) and Rybka (Garage) remained at the airport, to effect security at the plane during our absence.

On arrival at the emergency room at the Parkland Memorial Hospital, Dallas, Texas, the agents who worked the Secret Service follow-up car (ATSAIC Roberts shift) were utilized to cover the entrances and corridors leading to the emergency room. Shortly thereafter ATSAIC Stout (4P-12P) and his shift reported to me at the emergency room for instructions.

I then conferred with ASAC Rufus Youngblood (who was in charge of security for the then Vice President Johnson), and told him to take ATSAIC Roberts and his shift to supplement his agents, and that I would take ATSAIC Stout and his agents with me until we returned to Washington, D. C. This change of shifts was immediately made at the hospital.

Vice President Johnson departed the Parkland Memorial Hospital prior to the departure of the body of President Kennedy, with ATSAIC Roberts shift working the Secret Service follow-up car. On their arrival at Love Field, ATSAIC Roberts and his shift completely secured the area where the President's plane was spotted.

Enroute to Washington, D. C., aboard AF #1 (USAF 26000) another conference was held with ASAC Youngblood, where he was informed that he would have ATSAIC Stout and his shift with him on their arrival at Andrews AFB, Washington, D.C. I also informed him that I was accompanying the body of the late President Kennedy to the US Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland, and would have with me Special Agents Hill, Landis, Greer and O'Leary.

When we arrived at Andrews AFB, Washington, D.C., the body of the late President Kennedy was placed in a US Navy ambulance, which was driven by SA Greer to the US Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland with SA Landis and Dr. George Burkley and myself in the front seat. Mrs. Kennedy along with Mr. Robert Kennedy and General McHugh rode in the rear of the ambulance. SA's Hill and O'Leary rode in an accompanying vehicle.

At the US Naval Hospital, SA's Hill and Landis remained with Mrs. Kennedy near her quarters, located in the Towers of the Center. SA's Greer and O'Leary and myself accompanied the body to the morgue. SA O'Leary remained in the morgue only briefly.

SA Greer and myself remained with the body in the US Naval Hospital along with Agents Francis O'Neill, Jr., and James Siebert of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, witnessing the autopsy performed by members of the US Navy Medical Corps, and the embalming services done by the staff of Joseph Gowers, Funeral Directors, Washington, D. C.

At 3:56 a.m., on Saturday, November 23, the body of the late President Kennedy was transported in a US Navy ambulance from the US Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland, to the White House, with SA Greer driving the ambulance and myself riding in the front seat. Mrs. Kennedy and Mr. Robert Kennedy rode in the rear of the ambulance. SA's Hill and Landis rode in accompanying vehicles.

We arrived at the White House at 4:24 a.m., and the body was placed in the East Room.

THE TRIP AND ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY IN DALLAS, TEXAS, NOV. 22, 1963

NOVEMBER 21, 1963:

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I, Special Agent Kinney and Special Agent Hickey arrived Love Field in Dallas, Texas at 6:05 pm. We were on a Air Force plane C-130, #12373. Capt. Roland H. Thomson AG, USAF. On board this cargo craft was the President's limousine, 100-X and Secret Service car 679-X. Upon arrival, I was met by SAIC Sorrels, (Dallas Field Office) and Special Agent Winston G. Lawson, (White House Detail), that was doing the Dallas advance of the President's visit. I and SA Hickey proceeded to unload the two cars and were escorted to the garage that was located under the main terminal of the airport. The arrangements were made for over night security of cars and policemen from Dallas force were put on duty thru the night. SAIC Sorrels, SA Lawson, SA Hickey and myself then proceeded to the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Dallas where reservations had been by SA Lawson. After checking in the hotel, we had changed cloths and at approx. 8:30 pm, I met with SA Lawson, SA Hickey, Mr. Jack Puterbaugh and Warrent Officer Bales USA WBC. We then proceeded to dinner. On the way to dinner we stopped enroute at the place where President Kennedy was to luncheon on Nov. 22, 1963. We spent approx. 30 min. checking the seating and speaking stands. After securing the Mart, we proceeded to have dinner. After dinner approx. 2 hours, we then returned to the Sheraton Hotel and made our arrangements for the following day, Nov. 22, as to the time and place to meet for transportation to Love Field for the following days activities and turned to our rooms for the night.

NOVEMBER 22, 1963:

SA Hickey and I arose from our beds about 7:00 am. We dressed and packed our bags, then went down to the lobby and checked out of the hotel. We went to the coffee shop for our breakfast. At approx. 8:00 am we went into the lobby to wait transportation to Love Field. At approx. 8:30 am SAIC Sorrels picked SA Hickey and I up in front of the Sheraton hotel and we went to Love Field. We arrived there approx. 9:00 am. SA Sorrels took us directly to the two cars, with the understanding that he would be back at 11:00 am to escort the cars to their location for the President's arrival at 11:35 am.

SA Hickey and I proceeded with our duties of getting the two cars ready for the day, which consisted of cleaning, checking oil, water and batteries. Then a security check. We had the tops down on both cars. It had rained all night and was raining when we arrived at the airport. I had on two occasions gone outside to check the weather. The last check at approx. 10:30 am, the sky had cleared and that meant to us that the bubble-top would stay off.

At approx. 11:00 am SA Sorrels came to the garage. To escort SA Hickey and me to the location. At this time SA Hickey stayed with the two cars and I was helping SA Lawson and SA Sorrels line up the motorcade, placing the some ten cars that were to be used.

When the President arrived at approx. 11:40 am I took my place behind the driver wheel in the follow-up car 679-X. After a few greetings by the President we proceeded on with the motorcade thru downtown Dallas add on to the Shopping Mart where the President was to have lunch. We had gone about 30 to 40 min. and had just made a right turn off Main St. and on block, a left turn onto Elm St. A five min signal had been given to agents waiting at the Mart.

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THE TRIP AND ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY IN DALLAS, TEXAS, NOV. 22, 1963

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As we completed the left turn and on a short distance, there was a shot. At this time I glanced from the taillights of the President's car, that I use for gauging distances for driving. I saw the President lean toward the left and appeared to have grabbed his chest with his right hand. There was a second of pause and then two more shots were heard. Agent Clinton Hill jumped from the follow-up car and dashed to the aid of the President and First Lady in the President's car. I saw one shot strike the President in the right side of the head. The President then fell to the seat to the left toward Mrs. Kennedy. At this time I stepped on the siren and gas peddle at the same time. Agent Greer driving the President's car did the same. The lead car (ahead of the Pres. car) and motorcycles were told to go to the nearest hospital. The President's car and 679-X then proceeded to the hospital at a high rate of speed, taking approx. 6 min. Upon arrival I jumped from my car and ran to the right rear of the President's car, where I assisted in removing Gov. Connally and the President.

After all had been removed from the President's car I opened the trunk of the car and put on the bubble-top and a canvas cover. This took approx. 20 to 30 min. I asked for a motorcycle to escort the President's car and 679-X back to Love Field. We left promptly not stopping enroute to Love Field. On the way to the airport I called by radio to Maj. Nedbaugh, USAF, to have C-130 crew at the plane with ramp down for loading of the two cars. This was carried and the cars were loaded and the plane secured, awaiting our orders to depart Love Field enroute to Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland. The plane departed Love Field at 3:35 pm. We arrived AAAPB, Md at 8:05 pm. We were met at AAAPB by 4 or 5 agents from the Washington, Field Office and some 6 motorcycles. We were then escorted non-stop to the White House garage. After reaching the garage the cars were secured by an all night watch by White House Police and Secret Service agents, pending an investigation.

Statement made Nov. 30, 1963 By:

*Samuel A. Kinney*  
Samuel A. Kinney  
Special Agent  
White House Detail  
U.S. Secret Service  
Washington, D. C.

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I was driving SS 679-X, follow-up. As we turned off Main Street (left) about 4 minutes from our destination of Trade Mart. The first shot was fired as we were going into an underpass. The first shot was fired, I glanced at the taillight of SS-100-X, glanced at the President and it appeared that he had been shot because he slumped to the left. Immediately he sat up again. At this time the second shot was fired and I observed hair flying from the right side of his head. With this, simultaneously with the President's car, we stepped on the gas. I released the siren at that time. I did hear three shots but do not recall which shots were those that hit the President.

\*At this time Clint Hill jumped off and ran to the President's car, jumped on the back, and laid out across the trunk in a prone position where he rode the entire trip to the hospital. \*

Pulling up parallel to the lead car, <sup>my name</sup> notified them we were heading for the hospital, whereupon the motorcycle escort, the lead car, President's car and follow-up proceeded to the hospital at a high rate of speed. We pulled into the emergency entrance of the hospital whereupon Gov. Connally was removed and then the President, and taken inside.

After this, maybe 15 or 20 minutes later, I put the bubble and canvas cover on the car, assisted by SA Hickey. Taken under motorcycle escort, both cars proceeded to Love Field, whereupon I notified the crew to get the ramp down and we drove the cars onto the plane and secured them, awaiting departure.

*Samuel A. Kinney*  
Samuel A. Kinney  
Special Agent  
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U. S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
Washington, D.C.

U. S. Secret Service

November 29, 1963.

To: Chief James J. Rowley

From: ATSAIC Emory P. Roberts, The White House Detail.

SUBJECT: Schedule of events prior to and after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas, Texas on Friday November 22, 1963.

11:25 a.m. The President and Mrs. Kennedy with members of the Presidential Party departed Carswell A.F.B., Texas via USAF 26,000 (Jet, also known as AF 1) enroute to Love Field, Dallas, Texas.

The following members of the United States Secret Service were aboard this aircraft. ASAC Roy T. Kellerman, in charge of White House Detail for the Texas trip, SA Clinton Hill in charge of Mrs. Kennedy's security, SA William Greer, Presidential driver, ATSAIC Emory P. Roberts, in charge of 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. shift, with SA's John Heady, Donald Lawton and William McIntyre. SA John O'Leary was also aboard AF 1. Special Agent Glen Bennett of the 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. shift arrived Dallas, Texas aboard USAF 6970.

11:40 a.m. Presidential Plane arrived Love Field, Dallas, Texas, which was five minutes late according to schedule, as we were due there at 11:35 a.m.

After the usual greeting of approximately 20 people, upon deplaning, the President and Mrs. Kennedy walked to roped off area and shook hands with a number of the assembled persons gathered there, and autographed a few papers and pamphlets. I accompanied the President, as well as other Special Agents while he greeted the people. The President and Mrs. Kennedy returned to their car.

11:55 a.m. The President (right rear seat), Mrs. Kennedy (left rear seat) Governor John Connally (of Texas) (right jump seat) Mrs. Connally (left jump seat) ASAC Roy T. Kellerman front seat, with SA William Greer driving, (SS car 100-X - top removed) departed Love Field.

SA Donald Lawton of 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. shift remained at Love Field with SA Warner and Rybka to set up security for the President's departure for Bergstrom AFB, Austin, Texas. The Presidential aircraft was due to depart Dallas at 2:35 p.m.

The following persons departed Love Field in Secret Service Follow-up car, 679-X and were located in and on running boards of car as follows:

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ATSAIC Emory P. Roberts - front seat - operating radio.  
 SA Samuel Kinney - driving (did an excellent job)  
 Mr. Kenneth O'Donnell, Appointment Secretary to the President,  
 left jump seat.  
 Mr. David Powers, Presidential Aide, right jump seat.  
 SA Glen Bennett, left rear seat.  
 SA George Hickey, right rear seat (manning AR-15 (rifle))  
 SA Clinton Hill, left running board, front.  
 SA William McIntyre, left running board, behind Hill.  
 SA John D. Ready, right running board, front.  
 SA Paul Landis, right running board behind Ready.

Note: On shift report for Nov. 22, 1963, I listed SA Rybka as riding in center of rear seat, which was in error, as he was not in car. As mentioned above, he remained at Love Field.

The Presidential motorcade toured downtown Dallas, through huge crowds, that were sometimes so close, that motorcycles of the Dallas Police Department had to drop back from flanking the Presidential and Secret Service cars, so the two cars could get through. On several occasions the Special Agent working the running boards of the Follow-up car "hit" the ground and ran along side of the President's car; and SA Hill climbed on rear step of the President's car (left rear) where he remained until the crowd thinned and motorcycles had returned to their positions, flanking the rear of the President's car.

The Presidential motorcade was enroute to Trade Mart to Attend Luncheon, sponsored by the Dallas Citizens Council, The Dallas Assembly and the Graduate Research Center of the Southwest.

12:29 p.m. SA Winston Lawson (Advance Agent for Dallas stop) riding in lead car, gave "five minutes away," signal via radio, meaning five minutes away from Trade Mart. I immediately wrote 12:35 p.m. on Itinerary, as the time of arrival at Trade Mart.

12:30 p.m. First of three shots fired, at which time I saw the President lean toward Mrs. Kennedy. I do not know if it was the next shot or third shot that hit the President in the head, but I saw what appeared to be a small explosion on the right side of the President's head, saw blood, at which time the President fell further to his left. Mrs. Kennedy was leaning toward the President, however, she immediately raised up in the seat and appeared to be getting up on back of same. About this time I saw SA Clinton Hill trying to get on left rear step of the President's car. He got aboard and climbed up over the back of the car and placed himself over the President and Mrs. Kennedy. After SA Hill got on rear step of the President's car, it appeared that SA John Ready was about to follow and go for the right rear step, however, I told him not to jump, as we had picked up speed, and I was afraid he could not make it.

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It is estimated that we were traveling approximately 15-20 miles per hour at the time of the shooting and it is believed that the follow-up car was approximately 20 - 25 feet behind the President's car.

The crowd was very sparse, in fact only a few people were along the motorcade route at the time of the shooting.

Just after the third shot was fired, I picked up the car radio and said "Halfback (code name for SS. Follow-up car) to Lawson, the President has been hit, escort us to the nearest hospital, fast but at a safe speed." I repeated the message, requesting to be cautious, meaning the speed. I had in mind Vice President Johnson's safety, as well as the President's, if he was not already dead.

The Vice President's car was approximately one-half block behind the Secret Service car, at the time of the shooting, and some of us waved for it to close in closer to the Secret Service car. The Vice President's car quickly closed the gap.

When I turned around to wave the Vice President's car to come closer, at same time, trying to determine where shots had come from, I said, pointing to SA McIntyre, "They got him, they got him," continuing I said "You (meaning McIntyre) and Bennett take over Johnson as soon as we stop." (meaning the hospital)

I turned around a couple times, just after the shooting and saw that some of the Special Agents had their guns drawn, I know I drew mine, and saw SA Hickey in rear seat with the AR-15, and asked him to be careful with it.

12:34 P.M. Presidential motorcade arrived at Parkland Hospital. (I did not look at my watch, however, I overheard someone at the hospital say that it took four minutes to get there.

Upon arrival at Parkland Hospital, I immediately ran to President Kennedy. Mrs. Kennedy was lying over him. I said to Mrs. Kennedy to let us get the President. She said in effect that she was not going to leave. I got one look at the President's head and remarked to ASAC Kellerman, "You stay with the President, I'm taking some of my men for Johnson." SA's McIntyre and Bennett were already with Vice President Johnson, having joined SAIC Rufus Youngblood and other Special Agents assigned to the Vice President, as the Vice President arrived at the hospital.

The first thing we did, was request a room for the Vice President. After getting the Vice President and Mrs. Johnson in a room, at the hospital, I said in effect to the Vice President, in the presence of Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Cliff Carter, Executive Assistant to the Vice President and SAIC Youngblood, as well as others, that I did not think the President could make it and suggested that we get out of Dallas as soon as possible.

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We (SAIC Youngblood and myself) suggested that he (Vice President) think it over, as he would have to be sworn in. I suggested that we leave Dallas via AF 1, and SAIC Youngblood agreed and suggested that we return to the White House.

SAIC Youngblood can give more details, as I left the Vice President from time to time, once to get Mr. Kenneth O'Donnell, as the Vice President did not want to leave Dallas, without permission or suggestion from someone on the President's Staff. I located Mr. O'Donnell in hallway, near room where President Kennedy was.

While trying to locate Mr. O'Donnell for the Vice President, I came across ASAIC Roy Kellerman, who was assisting someone to fill in the President's blood type on a card. I remarked, that it was the same as mine Blood Group O, Rh Positive. Kellerman had card in his hand which he got from his wallet with the President's blood type.

At this time, I explained to Mr. Kellerman that the Vice President would probably leave for Washington very soon aboard AF 1.

I returned with Mr. O'Donnell to the Vice President, and while Mr. O'Donnell and the Vice President were talking, I mentioned to ASAIC Johns to check if the car (President's) was impounded. (I know that the word "evidence" was used. SAIC Johns left immediately.

Shortly after arrival at the Parkland Hospital, I asked C.W.O. Ira Gearhart, White House Communication Agency, (Courier for President) to step into room next to Vice President Johnson, and stay with him.

One of the Special Agents assigned to Vice President Johnson called the airport and requested the Presidential plane to stand by to take Vice President Johnson to Washington, D.C.

I contacted the White House Signal Board and advised them to cancel all the other stops that had been planned for the President. I saw SA Richard Johnson (4-12 shift) in hallway and asked him to augment V.P. Detail, which he did.

I had made arrangements with the Dallas Police, in front of the Parkland Hospital to have an unmarked police car for the Vice President and two other cars for other passengers and Secret Service, to take the Vice President and Mrs. Johnson to the airport. SA Lem Johns double checked this.

I left the Vice President a second time upon the request of Mrs. Johnson, as she had stated that she would like to see Mrs. Kennedy. After Inquiry of an agent in hallway, I located Mrs. Kennedy and asked her, if it would be alright if Mrs. Johnson came to see her, to which she replied "yes." I returned to the room where the Vice President and Mrs. Johnson were and told Mrs. Johnson.

Mrs. Johnson followed me, with two Special Agents accompanying her.

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Mrs. Johnson spent a very short time with Mrs. Kennedy, who was sitting in a chair outside of room where the President was. I returned to room where the Vice President was, with Mrs. Johnson.

I left again, this time upon request of the Vice President to double check with Mr. Kenneth O'Donnell, if it would be O.K. for the Vice President to take AF 1 and return to Washington, D.C. I located Mr. O'Donnell in hallway and he said "yes".

The Vice President was informed that Mr. O'Donnell stated that he could leave. The Vice President said in effect, that he didn't want to leave without the approval of a staff member or the Secret Service.

At 1:15 p.m. (according to my watch) the Vice President, in the presence of Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Cliff Carter, SA IC Youngblood and others, was informed by me, that the President was dead. Vice President Johnson said to Mr. Carter to make a note of it and someone mentioned the time as 1:13 p.m. Mr. Maholm Kilduff, Assistant Press Secretary to President Kennedy came into the room about that time and it was decided that he would not release the death of the President, until the new President Johnson had left the hospital.

1:35 p.m. The new President Johnson, and I believe Mr. Cliff Carter departed Parkland Hospital in an unmarked police car, accompanied by SA IC Youngblood. As far as I know, SA IC Youngblood never left Vice President's side, from time of shooting to arrival at USAF 1, which was spotted at Love Field, awaiting for Vice President Johnson.

Mrs. Johnson rode in police car, directly behind President Johnson accompanied by Congressman Brooks, and SA's Warren Taylor, Jerry Kivett and Glen Bennett.

Follow-up car was driven by a Dallas Policeman, accompanied by another policeman and SA John Ready in front seat; rear seat AT SA IC Roberts, SA McIntyre and C.W.O. Gearhart, WHCA Courier.

SA Johns followed in another police car.

1:40 p.m. President and Mrs. Johnson arrived at Love Field and immediately boarded AF 1. Special agents were posted strategically in and around the aircraft. SA's Lawton and Rybka joined us upon arrival at airport, in effecting security. All blinds on aircraft were immediately drawn. I do not know who requested that this be done, however, I assisted in closing them.

We learned that Mrs. Kennedy was enroute to AF 1, however, we could not confirm same, then we heard that President Kennedy's body was also being brought to the aircraft. I informed Colonel Swindel (Aircraft Commander) and other members of AF 1, that we

would not leave or do anything, until we cleared same with SAIC Youngblood. As we had a few too many people aboard USAF 1, I did ask a couple to get off.

After the arrival of Mrs. Kennedy and President Kennedy's body, I was informed by Col. James Windel that a Federal Judge Hughes (woman) was enroute to AF 1, to swear in President Johnson. I immediately informed the police present and requested SA Ready to go to gate, to make sure that the Judge got in. When I saw Judge Hughes coming toward the aircraft, I went to meet her and escorted her to the front ramp and cleared her to go aboard, as no one was allowed to get aboard the aircraft, unless they were known personally or cleared by Secret Service. I did not go aboard and waited at bottom on ramp.

Upon arrival of ASAIC Kellerman with Mrs. Kennedy and President Kennedy's body, he advised me that the 4-12 shift (ATSAIC Stout's) would return to Washington, D.C. aboard AF 1. It is to be noted that SA Bennett of my shift (8 am - 4 p.m.) also returned to Washington, D.C. via A.F. 1.

2:40 p.m. Approximately, SAIC Gerald A. Behn, in Charge of the White House Detail called Love Field, from Washington, D.C. and requested that I give him the time that A.F. 1 departed for Washington, D.C. I advised Mr. Behn that Judge Hughes was aboard swearing in President Johnson, and advised Mr. Behn when Judge Hughes departed A.F. 1.

2:47 p.m. A.F. 1 departed for Washington, D.C. with President and Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Kennedy and President Kennedy's body.

I might mention that I assigned the Special Agents to the follow-up car, and each knew his assignment. For instance, SA Hill was assigned to work left rear of President's car (where Mrs. Kennedy was sitting), SA Ready was assigned to work the right rear of the President's car, then SA Landis was to work right front and SA McIntyre was to work the left front. As far as I can remember, SA Hill was the only one that had to jump on rear step of the President's car, while touring downtown Dallas, however, SA Ready would have done the same thing, if motorcycle was not at the President's corner of car.

3:15 p.m. ATSAIC Roberts, SA's Ready, Lawton, and McIntyre departed Love Field, Dallas, Texas via USAF 6970, and arrived Washington, D.C. (Andrews AFB) at 6:35 p.m.

Approved:

*Emory F. Roberts*  
Emory F. Roberts

Gerald A. Behn  
Special Agent in Charge.

Assistant to the Special Agent in Charge

Nov. 22, 1963.

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At 11:55 a.m. this date The President, Mrs Kennedy, Gov. and Mrs. ~~Edmund~~ Connolly of Texas (Kellerman - Groer) departed Love Field, Dallas Texas in SS 100-X (top removed)

F.N. car - Kinney Driving - Roberts front seat, Jump seat on left side Ken O'Donnell, Jump seat right side, Dave Powers, rear seat left Bennett, center Rybka and right rear - Hickey.

Left running board: Hill on the front, McIntyre behind him.  
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We had received a 5 minute away signal(radio) from Lawson (in lead car) meaning 5 minutes from Trade Mart - were the President was going.

About 1 minute later at 12:30 p.m. two or three shots were fired, at which time I saw the President lean over on Mrs. Kennedy. I knew he was hit. Just as the first or second shot was fired Hill ran from follow-up car to President's car - jumped aboard and placed himself over Mrs. Kennedy and the President.

"Upon seeing the President shot, I radioed Lawson to escort us to the nearest hospital fast but at a safe speed.

During the downtown motorcade the streets were lined with people, however, in the area where the shots rang out, the crowd was very sparse, in fact only a few people.

It is estimated that were were traveling about 20 - 25 miles an hour at the time of the shooting, and it is believed that the follow-up car was approx. 25 feet behind the President's car.

I could not determine from what direction the shots came, but felt they had come from the right side.

I immediately asked everyone on car to look to see if they could determine where the shots came from, - no one seemed to know.

*Emory P. Roberts*  
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THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY  
ON NOVEMBER 22, 1963, AT DALLAS, TEXAS

Statement of Special Agent Clinton J. Hill, United States Secret Service, concerning his activities and official duties on November 22, 1963. Statement dated November 30, 1963.

I, Clinton J. Hill, Special Agent, United States Secret Service, arrived at Love Field, Dallas, Texas, at 11:40 a.m. on November 22, 1963, from Fort Worth, Texas, aboard Air Force No. One (USAF #28000) with President and Mrs. John F. Kennedy. President and Mrs. Kennedy debarked the aircraft first from the rear ramp followed by Governor and Mrs. John Connally and by three or four Congressmen and Senators, and then myself and ASAC Roy H. Kellerman.


Upon alighting, President and Mrs. Kennedy were greeted by a small reception committee and Mrs. Kennedy was presented a bouquet of red roses. I ran over to the Secret Service Follow-up car immediately upon my arrival and placed my topcoat and a small folder containing information on this Dallas stop of the Texas trip on the floor of the car. I then went back to where the President and Mrs. Kennedy were greeting an elderly lady in a wheel chair.

The general public was restricted from the ramp area of Love Field by a permanent chain-link fence. There were a number of photographers and correspondents on the ramp area covering the arrival.

The President noticed the large number of people being restrained by the fence and walked over to the crowd and began shaking hands. He moved from his right to his left down the fence. Mrs. Kennedy accompanied him. I remained very close to Mrs. Kennedy observing the outstretched hands of well-wishers to make sure no weapons were extended toward Mrs. Kennedy and that nothing was handed to her. I accompanied Mrs. Kennedy behind the President along the fence and then to the Presidential automobile which was waiting to take President and Mrs. Kennedy and Governor and Mrs. John Connally to the Trade Mart for a luncheon, after a 45-minute motorcade through downtown Dallas.

President and Mrs. Kennedy entered the automobile with the President getting into the right rear seat and Mrs. Kennedy into the left rear seat. Mrs. Connally got into the left jump seat and Governor Connally into the right jump seat. SA William Greer was driving the automobile with ASAC Roy H. Kellerman in the right front seat. I went to the left rear side of the Presidential automobile and stood on the airport ramp along side where Mrs. Kennedy was sitting.

As the Presidential automobile began to move forward at 11:55 a.m. I walked along side of the left rear of the automobile for about 150 feet, and since there were no people at all on the airport ramp I went back to the automobile immediately behind the Presidential Automobile and mounted the forward portion of the left running board.



SA Sam Kinney was driving this Secret Service Follow-up car which was a 1955 Cadillac 9-passenger convertible specifically outfitted for use by the Secret Service. ATSAIC Emory Roberts was sitting in the right front seat and operating the two-way radio. SA John Heady was on the forward portion of the right hand running board; SA William McIntyre on the rear portion of the left hand running board; SA Paul E. Landis on the rear portion of the right hand running board; Mr. Kenneth O'Donnell, Presidential Appointment Secretary, was seated on the left side of the second seat; Mr. Dave Powers, Presidential Receptionist, was seated on the right side of the second seat; SA George Hickey was seated on the left side of the third seat; and SA Glen Bennett was seated on the right side of the third seat.

The Presidential Follow-up car was followed by a 1964 Lincoln 4-door convertible occupied by Vice-President and Mrs. Lyndon Johnson, Senator Ralph Yarborough, with ASATC Rufus Youngblood in the right front seat. This automobile was followed by a Secret Service follow-up car for the Vice President, and then came automobiles occupied by photographers, correspondents, Senators and Congressmen.

Preceding the Presidential automobile was a Dallas Police Department Lead car in which SA Winston Lawson of the Secret Service was riding. Police motorcycles preceded and flanked the motorcade. There were two police motorcycles on the left side of the President's Secret Service follow-up car running abreast of one another between the automobile and the crowd of people.

My instructions for Dallas were to work the left rear of the Presidential automobile and remain in close proximity to Mrs. John F. Kennedy at all times. The agent assigned to work the left rear of the Presidential automobile rides on the forward portion of the left hand running board of the Secret Service follow-up car and only moves forward to walk alongside the Presidential automobile when it slows to such a pace that people can readily approach the auto on foot. If the crowd is very heavy, but the automobile is running at a rather rapid speed, the agent rides on the left rear of the Presidential automobile on a step specifically designed for that purpose.

As the motorcade moved from Love Field through downtown Dallas toward the Trade Mart, there were four (4) occasions before we reached the end of Main Street where I moved from the forward portion of the left running board of the follow-up car to the rear step of the Presidential automobile. I did this because the motorcycles that were along the left hand side of the follow-up car were unable to move up alongside the President's car due to the crowd surging into the street. The motorcycles were forced to drop back and so I jumped from the Follow-up car and mounted the President's car. I remained in this position until the crowd thinned and was away from the President's automobile, allowing the motorcycles to once again move up alongside of the automobile. When we approached the end of Main Street the crowd was noticeably less dense than had been the case prior to that point.

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The motorcade made a right hand turn onto Elm Street. I was on the forward portion of the left running board of the follow-up car. The motorcade made a left hand turn from Elm Street toward an underpass. We were traveling about 12 to 15 miles per hour. On the left hand side was a grass area with a few people scattered along it observing the motorcade passing, and I was visually scanning these people when I heard a noise similar to a firecracker. The sound came from my right rear and I immediately moved my head in that direction. In so doing, my eyes had to cross the Presidential automobile and I saw the President hunch forward and then slump to his left. I jumped from the Follow-up car and ran toward the Presidential automobile. I heard a second firecracker type noise but it had a different sound—like the sound of shooting a revolver into something hard. I saw the President slump more toward his left.

I jumped onto the left rear step of the Presidential automobile. Mrs. Kennedy shouted, "They've shot his head off;" then turned and raised out of her seat as if she were reaching to her right rear toward the back of the car for something that had blown out. I forced her back into her seat and placed my body above President and Mrs. Kennedy. SA Greer had, as I jumped onto the Presidential automobile, accelerated the Presidential automobile forward. I heard ASAC Kellerman call SA Lawson on the two-way radio and say, "To the nearest hospital, quick." I shouted as loud as I could at the Lead car, "To the hospital, to the hospital."

As I lay over the top of the back seat I noticed a portion of the President's head on the right rear side was missing and he was bleeding profusely. Part of his brain was gone. I saw a part of his skull with hair on it lying in the seat. The time of the shooting was approximately 12:30 p.m., Dallas time. I looked forward to the jump seats and noticed Governor Connally's chest was covered with blood and he was slumped to his left and partially covered up by his wife. I had not realized until this point that the Governor had been shot.

When we arrived at Parkland Memorial Hospital, Dallas, I jumped off the Presidential automobile, removed my suit coat and covered the President's head and upper chest with it. I assisted in lifting the President from the rear seat of the automobile onto a wheel type stretcher and accompanied the President and Mrs. Kennedy into the Emergency Room. Governor Connally had been placed in an Emergency Room across the hall.

I exited the Emergency Room almost immediately because of the large number of doctors and nurses in the room, which was quite small. I asked a nurse standing outside of the Emergency Room in which the President was lying to please have everyone except those Medical Staff members necessary leave the emergency ward. She immediately began screening medical staff members.

I asked for the nearest telephone. ASAC Kellerman exited the Emergency Room and told me to contact the White House in Washington and to keep the line open continually. I asked SA Lawson for the telephone number of the Dallas White

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House switchboard and he gave it to me. I dialed the Dallas White House operator and told him to connect me with the White House in Washington and to keep this line open continuously. He did so.

ASAC Kellerman came out of the Emergency Room again and took the telephone and asked for SAIC Gerald A. Behn, Secret Service, the White House, Washington. This was approximately 12:39 p.m. Kellerman told Behn that there had been a double tragedy; that the President and Governor Connally had both been shot and that I would keep him advised. I took over the telephone and told Mr. Behn that the situation was extremely critical. The operator cut into the line and said The Attorney General wanted to talk to me. He asked me what the situation was and I advised him that the President had been injured very seriously and that I would keep him advised as to his condition.

Mr. Kellerman came back out of the Emergency Room and said, "Clint, tell Gerry that this is not for release and not official, but the man is dead." I told that to Mr. Behn and then requested that he immediately contact the Attorney General and other members of the President's family so that he could advise them of the situation rather than having them hear it over some news media.

I then received a request from Mr. O'Donnell to obtain a casket immediately so that we could transport the body back to Washington, D. C., as quickly as possible. I contacted the Hospital Administrator and asked for the name of the nearest mortuary. He said it would be O'Neil, Inc. I telephoned them and identified myself and requested that they bring the best casket immediately available at the mortuary to the Parkland Memorial Hospital Emergency Entrance and deliver it to me. The casket arrived in about twenty minutes at approximately 1:40 p.m. We wheeled it immediately into the Emergency Room where the President's body lay.

I advised the Air Force Aide that we wanted Air Force No. One moved to a different location at Love Field and to have it secured completely away from the view of the General Public. I requested that no press be admitted to the area in which Air Force One was to be placed. I requested SA David Grant to notify the Dallas Police that we did not want to use the same entrance to Love Field that previously had been planned. I then went with the Hospital Administrator and checked the shortest and most direct route from the Emergency Room to the emergency platform where the O'Neil hearse was waiting. I advised ATSAIC Stuart Stout of the route and requested that it be cleared of personnel.

The President's body, accompanied by Mrs. Kennedy, exited the Emergency Room at approximately 1:58 p.m. and proceeded to the emergency entrance platform. The casket was placed in the back of the O'Neil, Inc., hearse and Mrs. Kennedy, Admiral George Burdick (the President's Physician), and I entered the back of the hearse with the casket. SA Andrew Berger drove the hearse; ATSAIC Stuart Stout rode in the center front seat and ASAC Kellerman rode in the right front seat.

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We departed Parkland Memorial Hospital at 2:04 p.m. SA Lawson rode in the Dallas Police Department Lead Car. A Secret Service follow-up car followed immediately behind the hearse. The motorcade arrived at Air Force One, Love Field, at 2:14 p.m.

At 2:18 p.m. the casket was placed aboard Air Force One with Mrs. Kennedy accompanying it. The casket was situated in the left rear corner of the aircraft where four seats had been removed. Mrs. Kennedy sat in one of the two seats immediately across the aisle from the casket.

The aircraft could not immediately depart because Vice-President Johnson had to be sworn in as the 36th President of the United States and it was necessary to wait for a Judge to arrive to do this. All personnel on Air Force One including Mrs. Kennedy were requested to witness the swearing in ceremony which took place in the Presidential Compartment of Air Force One at 2:38 p.m. I also attended.

I departed Love Field, Dallas, aboard Air Force One at 2:47 p.m. en route to Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland. I arrived at Andrews Air Force Base at 5:58 p.m. I assisted in moving the casket bearing the President's body from Air Force One to a U. S. Navy ambulance. Mrs. Kennedy got in the back of the ambulance with the casket as did Attorney General Robert Kennedy, who had joined Mrs. Kennedy aboard Air Force One upon arrival at Andrews Air Force Base. General Godfrey McHugh also rode in the back of the ambulance. The ambulance was driven by SA Greer with ASAC Kellerman, SA Landis, and Admiral Burkley riding in the front seat. I followed in the car immediately behind the ambulance with Dr. John W. Walsh, Dave Powers, Kenneth O'Donnell and Larry O'Brien.

The motorcade departed Andrews Air Force Base for Bethesda Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland, at 6:10 p.m. We were escorted by motorcycle police officers. The motorcade arrived Bethesda Naval Hospital at 6:55 p.m. Mrs. Kennedy, the Attorney General, SA Landis and I went immediately inside and via elevator to the 17th Floor of the hospital, the location of the Presidential Suite. Members of the immediate family and close friends were waiting in the suite.

The President's body was taken to the morgue at the hospital, accompanied by ASAC Kellerman, SA Greer, and Admiral Burkley, for an autopsy. SA Landis and I secured the 17th Floor of the hospital and remained there with Mrs. Kennedy. We established a communications system with the White House and handled all telephone calls both incoming and outgoing, screening each and every call. Any person attempting to reach the 17th Floor was also screened.

At approximately 2:45 a.m., November 23, I was requested by ASAC Kellerman to come to the morgue to once again view the body. When I arrived the autopsy had been completed and ASAC Kellerman, SA Greer, General McHugh and I viewed the wounds. I observed a wound about six inches down from the neckline on the back just to the right of the spinal column. I observed another wound on

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the right rear portion of the skull. Attendants of the Joseph Gawler Mortuary were at this time preparing the body for placement in the casket. A new casket had been obtained from Gawler Mortuary in which the body was to be placed.

I went back to the 17th Floor of the hospital at approximately 3:10 a.m. The President's body was taken from the U. S. Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland, at 3:56 a.m., accompanied by Mrs. Kennedy and Attorney General Kennedy, in the rear of a U. S. Navy ambulance driven by SA Greer. ASATG Kellerman rode in the right front seat. I rode in the right front seat of a White House limousine immediately behind the ambulance. The motorcade was accompanied by motorcycle police and arrived at the White House at 4:24 a.m. The casket was taken immediately to the East Room and placed in the center of the room on a cataphalt.

*Clinton Hill*

Clinton J. Hill  
Special Agent  
U. S. Secret Service

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THE WHITE HOUSE DETAIL  
November 29, 1963

The following events regarding the assassination of the late President Kennedy, are outlined to the best of my knowledge. No statement is based upon information released by any form of news media.

On Friday, Nov. 22, 1963, I was working on the 8 am to 4 pm shift of the Secret Service White House Detail, and was under the supervision of ATSAIC Emory Roberts. Other Agents working that day were Jack Ready, Don Lawton, Glen Bennett, and two Agents assigned to Mrs. Kennedy, Clint Hill and Paul Landis.

The Presidential aircraft, AF 1, arrived at Dallas Love Field, Dallas, Texas, at approximately 11:40 am on Nov. 22, 1963. The above-mentioned Agents departed the front of the aircraft and assumed protective positions around the President when he departed the rear exit of AF 1. The President walked close to a large crowd and shook hands with the people for approximately 5 or 10 minutes. He then stepped into the Presidential limousine, an open car, and was seated to the right of Mrs. Kennedy, in the rear seat. Governor Connally and his wife were seated in the jump seats of the car, directly in front of the President and Mrs. Kennedy. The Governor was seated to the right of his wife. ASAC Roy Kellerman was seated in the right front seat of the limousine.

As the motorcade departed Love Field, the President's car was closely followed by the Secret Service follow-up car, which maintained its position throughout the events of the day. Agent Roberts was seated in the front seat of the follow-up car, next to the driver. Kenneth O'Donnell was seated to the left of David Powers, in the jump seats of the car. Agents George Hickey, a driver, and Glen Bennett, were in the rear seat, with Bennett on Hickey's right. Agents Ready and Landis rode the right running board, with Landis behind Ready, and agent Clint Hill and I rode the left running board, Hill being in front of me.

The motorcade was scheduled to last approximately 45 minutes. As we passed through downtown Dallas, crowds were quite heavy, and two motorcycles, on either flank of the Presidential vehicle, were of considerable assistance in keeping the motorcade clear.

As the motorcade cleared the main downtown area, it made a right turn, went approximately one block, and then executed a left turn. After this turn, there was essentially no crowd, and green expanses of lawn stretched to the right and left of the motorcade.

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Directly in front of us was an underpass with a green sign with white lettering, stating "Entering Thornton Freeway".

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The Presidential vehicle was approximately 200 feet from the underpass when the first shot was fired, followed in quick succession by two more. I would estimate that all three shots were fired within 5 seconds. After the second shot, I looked at the President and witnessed his being struck in the head by the third and last shot. By that time, Mr. Roberts had used the radio in our car to direct the vehicles to a hospital. Most, if not all the agents in the follow-up car had drawn their weapons, and Agent Hickey was handling the AR-15. None of us could determine the origin of the shots, and no shots were fired by any agent.

Upon arrival at the hospital, agent Bennett and I escorted then Vice-President Johnson into a vacant treatment room. Agents Youngblood and Kivett stayed with him while agent Taylor and I stood nearby. Agent Bennett established security outside the door to the room.

The shooting occurred at approximately 12:25 pm, and we had reached the hospital at approximately 12:30 pm.

Shortly after 1:30 pm, the Vice-President and Mrs. Johnson were taken to Love Field and placed aboard AF 1. Agents Lawton, Ready, and I established security around the aircraft. Within a short time, Mrs. Kennedy, accompanying the body of President Kennedy, arrived at Love Field, and boarded AF 1. AF 1 then departed Dallas, Texas, at what I think was about 2:15 pm.

At 3:15 pm, agents Roberts, Lawton, Ready, and I departed Dallas, Texas via AF 6970, the back-up plane, and arrived at Andrews Air Force Base at 6:30 pm. We all then returned to the White House, and submitted summarized reports of the day's events to Mr. Roberts.

*William T. McIntyre*  
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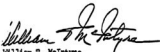
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On this date, at approximately 12:30 pm, at Dallas, Texas, I was assigned the post of the left rear area on the running board of the Secret Service Follow-up car. At this time, the President and Mrs. Kennedy were riding in the Presidential limousine, about 30 feet in front of my position.

As we approached the underpass leading to the Thornton Freeway, there was little, if any crowd present. I heard three shots fired and observing the President, noticed that he had been struck by at least one bullet, I thought in the head.

I recall a rolling lawn to the right of the area where the President was shot, and seem to also recall an expanse of lawn to the left of the Presidential vehicle.

I attempted to locate the origin of the shots, but was unable to do so. Both the Presidential vehicle and the Secret Service follow-up car immediately sped to the hospital.



William T. McIntyre  
Special Agent  
White House Detail

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DALLAS, TEXAS - NOVEMBER 22, 1963 - FRIDAY

I, John D. Ready, Special Agent, United States Secret Service Washington, D.C. arrived at Love Field, Dallas, Texas, at approximately 11:40 a.m., Friday, November 22, 1963 onboard the Presidential Aircraft (USAF#1). Upon arrival, I left the aircraft and went to the Press Area (photographers and newsmen) located near the Presidential ramp at the rear of the plane. Here President John F. Kennedy greeted a group of persons and then walked to the fenced off spectator area. I followed the President and Mrs. Kennedy. After 10-15 minutes, the President, Mrs. Kennedy, Governor Connally (State of Texas) and Mrs. Connally entered the Presidential limousine, the motorcade departed Love Field and proceeded on its scheduled route. During this motorcade I held a post on the right front door running-board of the U.S. Secret Service follow-up car.

Several times enroute the President's car stopped and the President shook hands with the crowds. In the downtown, heavily congested, area of Dallas, a teen-age male came forth from the crowds on my right side. I left the follow-up car, chased the youth several yards before running him into the crowds on the right side. We departed the downtown area and the crowds diminished noticeably.

At about 12:30 p.m. we began the approach to the Thornton Freeway traveling about 20-25 MPH in a slight incline. I was about 25-30 feet from President Kennedy who was located in the right rear seat. I heard what appeared to be fire-crackers going off from my position. I immediately turned to my right rear trying to locate the source but was not able to determine the exact location.

At this time the U.S. Secret Service follow-up car seemed to slow and I heard someone from inside this car say: "he's shot". I left the follow-up car in the direction of the President's car but was re-called by ATSAIC Emory Roberts (Secret Service) as the cars increased their speeds. I got back on the car and seated myself beside Mr. Roberts in the right front seat. The cars proceeded to the hospital several miles distance.

On my arrival at the Parkland Hospital, Dallas, hospital personnel were awaiting the arrival of President Kennedy. After the President was taken to the emergency room, I was posted by ASAIC Kellerman (Secret Service), at the door entrance. I remained on this post until notified by ATSAIC Roberts that we were leaving for Love Field with President Johnson. I departed the hospital in a Dallas Police Cruiser to the rear of President Johnson.

Upon my arrival at Love Field I boarded the Presidential Aircraft (USAF#1), expecting to depart immediately. It was at this time that I was notified that Mrs. Kennedy and the late President were returning to Washington, D.C. on this plane.

ATSAIC Roberts asked me to set-up the airport security which I did. Mrs. Kennedy arrived and we were relieved by the 4-12 snit who then boarded the Presidential aircraft.

At 3:15 p.m. I departed Love Field, Dallas, Texas for Washington, D.C. on the Vice-Presidential aircraft (USAF#2)

*John D. Ready*  
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Friday , November 22, 1963 7:25 p.m.

On Friday, November 22, 1963 in Dallas, Texas, I was working the US Secret Service follow-up car about 25-30 feet to the rear of President and Mrs. Kennedy, Gov. and Mrs. Connolly of Texas. At about 12:30 p.m. I heard what sounded like fire crackers going off from my post on the right front running board. The President's car slowed, someone in the follow-up car stated he was shot, and I left to run to the President's car. At that time I was recalled to the follow-up car and took the right front seat aside of ATSAIC Roberts, and proceeded to a hospital several miles distant.

The shooting occured as we were approaching the Thornton Freeway, traveling about 20-25 miles per hour in a slight incline. There appeared to be no spectators on the right side of the road-way.

After the initial shot I attempted to locate the area from where they had come from but was not able to. It appeared that the shots came from my right-rear side.

*John D. Ready*  
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Special Agent  
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The Assassination of President John F. Kennedy as it appeared to Paul E. Landis, Jr., Special Agent, U. S. Secret Service.

I was assigned to work the follow-up car from Love Field Airport, Dallas, Texas. My position was on the right rear portion of the running board. Special Agent John Ready was on the running board ahead of me. SAs Hill and McIntyre were on the left-hand running board. SAs Bennett and Hickey were in the rear seat. Mr. Kenneth O'Donnell and Dave Powers were in the middle seats, and ATJAIC Roberts was in the front seat, and Sam Kinney was driving.

I remember the motorcade reaching the end of Main Street, in downtown Dallas, Texas, turning right and approaching a gradual left turn. As the President's car approached the intersection to make the left turn, the crowd appeared to thin down and almost end. As we reached the intersection I made a quick surveillance of a building on the right side of the route, which appeared to be the last one that the President would pass. It was a modernistic building, about eight stories high with large glass windows. None of the windows were open, and I did not notice anyone standing by the windows. My first thought was that the building was either closed or that all of its employees were on the street corner.

As the President's car continued around the corner, I returned my gaze to the crowd along the right-hand side of the route and noticed that it was fairly scattered. I continued to look ahead to what appeared to be an overpass over the route we were traveling. At this point the President's car and follow-up car had just completed its turn and both were straightening out.

At this moment I heard what sounded like the report of a high-powered rifle from behind me. My first glance was at the President, as my eyes were almost straight ahead at that time. I did not realize that the President had been shot at this point. I saw him moving and thought he was turning in the direction of the sound. I immediately returned my gaze to the building which I had observed before, at a quick glance saw nothing and dropped my eyes to the crowd at the intersection, scanning it quickly from right to left. I saw nothing out of the ordinary and thought that the sound might have been a fire cracker, but I couldn't see any smoke. In fact, I think I recall Special Agent Jack Ready saying, "What was it? A fire cracker?" I remarked "I don't know, I don't see any smoke." All during this time I was scanning the crowd and returning my gaze to the President's car. By then I think I had my gun out, but I do not recall exactly when it was drawn. I then thought that maybe one of the cars in the motorcade had had a blowout that had echoed off the buildings. I looked at the front right tire of the President's car and

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saw it was alright and glanced to see the right rear tire but could not see the follow-up car was too close. In fact, from my position on the running board of the follow-up car I could not see the rear bumper of the President's car. I glanced back towards the President, he still appeared upright in his seat, leaning slightly towards Mrs. Kennedy. It was at this moment that I heard a second report and saw the President's head split open and pieces of flesh and blood flying through the air. I also remember Special Agent Clinton Hill attempting to climb onto the back of the car at the time the second shot was fired. I would guess that the time between the first and second shot was approximately four or five seconds.

My reaction at this time was that the shot came from somewhere towards the front, but I did not see anyone on the overpass, and looked along the right-hand side of the road. By this time we were almost at the overpass, and the only person I recall seeing was a negro male in light green slacks and a beige colored shirt running across a grassy section towards some concrete steps and what appeared to be a low stone wall. He was in a bent over position, and I did not notice anything in his hands.

By now both the President's car and the follow-up car were traveling at a high rate of speed. As we passed under the overpass, I was looking back and saw a motorcycle policeman stopping approximately where I saw the negro running. I do not recall hearing a third shot.

*Paul E. Landis, Jr.*  
Paul E. Landis, Jr.  
Special Agent  
November 27, 1963

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THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY  
ON NOVEMBER 22, 1963, AT DALLAS, TEXAS

Statement of Special Agent Paul E. Landis, Jr., United States Secret Service, concerning his activities and official duties on November 22, 1963.

On November 22, 1963, I arrived at Love Field Airport, Dallas, Texas, at 11:35 a.m., having traveled from Ft. Worth, Texas, to Dallas, Texas, on board U. S. Air Force Flight #6970. Upon my arrival I disembarked from the aircraft and immediately walked to where the motorcade vehicles were parked. Special Agent Sam Kinney was the first person that I recognized, and I remember speaking to him and standing by the Follow-up car and jokingly asking him if he could tell me where the Follow-up car was.

After speaking to Sam, I walked over to Special Agent Win Lawson just to double check to see if I was still assigned to working the Follow-up car as had previously been arranged. He was standing by the front right fender of the car in which the President would be riding, and he told me that I was still to ride in the Follow-up car.

Only a very few moments later the President's Aircraft was pulling up to its mooring spot and I moved up to where I would be near the President and First Lady when they disembarked from the aircraft.

There appeared to be a very large crowd at the airport and most of the people were restrained behind a chain-link fence which was about four or five feet high. On the opposite side of the fence from the crowd there was a very narrow sidewalk and curbing which ran along the fence-line.

There were several people on the same side of the fence as the President but most of them were photographers.

As soon as the President and First Lady disembarked from the Aircraft, Mrs. Kennedy was presented a bouquet of roses. The President was also presented what appeared to be two hand-drawn charcoal portraits of himself and Mrs. Kennedy in a black leather and glass folding frame. I believe that this was given to him by a lady wearing a red coat.

Just after the President received the black leather frame I held out my hand and he handed it to me. I had been standing just off to Mrs. Kennedy's left, slightly in front of her. She was on the left side of the President.

At this time the President and First Lady started walking towards the crowd which was restrained behind the fence. On the way, they did stop for a few seconds to talk to an elderly lady in a wheel chair who was on the field area about thirty feet from where the above presentations were made.

They then walked over to the crowd and walked along the fence from their right to their left. At first I was in front of the President, clearing a pathway through the photographers and observing the crowd reaching over the fence;

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but I noticed that Mrs. Kennedy was moving along slower and becoming separated from the President so I asked another agent, I don't recall who, to move up where I was and I dropped back to assist Special Agent Clinton Hill who was next to Mrs. Kennedy. I continued to keep a pathway clear for Mrs. Kennedy, removing small hand signs that had been dropped in her pathway on the sidewalk and occasionally cautioning to watch out for the curbing. At one point, where the direction of the fence made a right angle turn to the left of the way we were moving, I do remember reaching up and holding a fairly large flag away that someone was waving over the fence. Only a few feet further and the fence and sidewalk made another 90 degree turn in the direction in which we were originally moving.

At this point we stopped momentarily and started in the direction of the cars which were slightly behind us and had been moving along towards us. Mrs. Kennedy asked where the President was and SA Hill noticed him continuing along the fence shaking hands with the crowd; so Mrs. Kennedy returned to the fence and did the same.

Only a short distance later the President and First Lady stopped shaking hands and entered their automobile. I stood by the right rear side until the car started moving and then hopped on the right rear portion of the right running board of the Follow-up car. I was standing with my right leg on the running board and my left leg up over and inside the Follow-up car. I stayed in this position until we were leaving the Airport area and remarked that, "I might as well get all the way in," and I did so. I glanced at my watch but I don't recall the time.

Special Agents Glen Bennett and George Hickey were seated to my left respectively in the rear of the Follow-up car. Mr. David Powers was seated directly in front of me in the center portion of the Follow-up car and Mr. Kenneth O'Donnell was seated on Mr. Power's left. Special Agent Sam Kinney was driving and ATSAIC Roberts was seated in the right front seat. Special Agents John Heady, Clinton Hill, and Tim McIntyre were standing on the right front, left front, and left rear portions of the running board, respectively.

The motorcade had not proceeded far when ATSAIC Roberts asked me to get back on the outside running board, "Just in case," which I immediately did. The crowd was about two deep along each side of the road and I would guess that we were traveling about twenty miles per hour.

As the motorcade proceeded towards the main business section of downtown Dallas I watched the crowd for anyone trying to run towards the President's car or any person who might be holding anything harmful in his hands. I observed the rooftops and windows of the buildings along the route. On the outskirts of town most of the buildings were of a one or two story type structure and very few people were on the rooftops. The crowd was three or more deep along the street as we proceeded towards downtown Dallas with most intersections more heavily crowded. The outskirts seemed to consist mostly of used car lots, junk

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dealers, auto parts stores, and this typical type of neighborhood. At one intersection there were some Cuban Pickets but I don't recall exactly what their signs said except that they did have "Cuba" on them.

A little further towards town some people had a sign asking the President to please stop and shake hands, which he saw as he passed and stopped. I immediately ran up to his car as it stopped and assumed a position next to him and observed the crowd as it merged on the car, especially watching the hands. Most of the people were children but I do remember one of the adult ladies who was holding the sign, remarking, "It worked, our sign worked!"

At various places along the route I remember Mr. Dave Powers standing up and taking movies of the President's car and the crowd.

The closer we came to downtown Dallas the larger the crowds became. At several places they were forcing their way into the street and there was just barely enough room for the cars to get through. There were two motorcycle escorts on each side of the President's and the Follow-up car and in several instances the crowd was so close that the motorcycles could not get through and had to drop completely behind the Follow-up car. During these instances SA Clint Hill would run up and jump on the left rear bumper of the President's car and he would ride there until the crowd was further back away from the President's car.

Just before we reached the heart of downtown Dallas, I remember noticing some new looking, very high, multi-storied skyscrapers and I remarked to Jack Ready that there were even people way up on the roof of one. I think the motorcade made a right turn onto Main Street, as that is the only street sign I saw and remembered. I remember thinking to myself that about every town I know of has a Main Street.

I'm not sure how far we traveled on Main Street, but I do know that this is where the crowd seemed heaviest. The buildings were tall on both sides of the street but I didn't notice many people in the windows. I continued to scan the crowds on the street and the buildings along the route. I glanced at the President's car somewhere along Main Street and saw Clint Hill again standing on the left rear bumper behind Mrs. Kennedy who was seated to the President's left. Governor Connally was seated in front of the President and Mrs. Connally was in front of Mrs. Kennedy.

The crowd lined both sides of the street and in several places was right out into the street leaving barely enough room to get through.

Not long after we turned onto Main Street there was one boy who, I would say, was in his early teens who ran out from the crowd after the President's and Follow-up cars had passed and tried to overtake the President's car. I saw him swing and tapped SA Ready on the shoulder and pointed towards him. He was carrying a camera. SA Ready jumped off the running board, overtook the boy and pushed him back into the crowd.



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When we reached the end of Main Street we turned right and approached a gradual left turn. As we approached the intersection and while we were turning left, the crowd seemed to thin and almost disappear around the turn. I then made a quick surveillance of a building which was to be on the President's right once the left turn was completed. It appeared to be the last one in sight. It was a modernistic type building, approximately eight stories high, and it had large glass windows. I also seem to recollect orange paneling or siding. None of the windows were open, and I did not see anyone standing by them. I surmised that the building was closed or that all its employees were out on the street corner.

As the President's car continued around the corner, I continued to survey the crowd along the righthand side of the road and noticed that it was fairly scattered, with hardly enough people to form a single line. I continued to look ahead to an overpass over the route we were traveling. At approximately this point, I would say, the President's car and the Follow-up car had just completed their turns and both were straightening out.

At this moment I heard what sounded like the report of a high-powered rifle from behind me, over my right shoulder. When I heard the sound there was no question in my mind what it was. My first glance was at the President, as I was practically looking in his direction anyway. I saw him moving in a manner which I thought was to look in the direction of the sound. I did not realize that President Kennedy had been shot at this point.

I immediately returned my gaze, over my right shoulder, toward the modernistic building I had observed before. With a quick glance I saw nothing and immediately started scanning the crowd at the intersection from my right to my left. I observed nothing unusual and began to think that the sound had been that of a fire cracker but I hadn't seen any smoke. In fact, I recall Special Agent Jack Ready saying, "What was it? A Fire Cracker?" I remarked, "I don't know; I don't see any smoke." So far the lapsed period of time could not have been over two or three seconds.

All during this time I continued to scan the crowd, returning my gaze towards the President's car. It must have been another second or two before the next shot was fired because, as I recall having seen nothing out of the ordinary, I then thought that maybe one of the cars in the motorcade had had a blowout that had echoed off the buildings. I looked at the right front tire of the President's car and saw it was all right. I then glanced to see the right rear tire, but could not because the Follow-up car was too close.

I also thought of trying to run and jump on the President's car but did not think I could make it because of the speed at which we were traveling. I decided I had better stay where I was so that I would at least be near the First Lady, to whom I am assigned. I think that it was at this point that I thought, "Faster, Faster, Faster," thinking that we could not get out of the area soon enough. However, I don't have any idea as to how fast we were then moving.

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I had drawn my gun, but I am not sure exactly when I did this. I did leave my suit coat unbuttoned all during the motorcade movement, thinking at the time that I could get to my gun faster this way, if I had to.

I glanced towards the President and he still appeared to be fairly upright in his seat, leaning slightly toward Mrs. Kennedy with his head tilted slightly back. I think Mrs. Kennedy had her right arm around the President's shoulders at this time. I also remember Special Agent Clinton Hill attempting to climb onto the back of the President's car.

It was at this moment that I heard a second report and it appeared that the President's head split open with a muffled exploding sound. I can best describe the sound as I heard it, as the sound you would get by shooting a high powered bullet into a five gallon can of water or shooting into a melon. I saw pieces of flesh and blood flying through the air and the President slumped out of sight towards Mrs. Kennedy.

The time lapse between the first and second report must have been about four or five seconds.

My immediate thought was that the President could not possibly be alive after being hit like he was. I still was not certain from which direction the second shot came, but my reaction at this time was that the shot came from somewhere towards the front, right-hand side of the road.

I did not notice anyone on the overpass, and I scanned the area to the right of and below the overpass where the terrain sloped towards the road on which we were traveling. The only person I recall seeing clearly was a Negro male in light green slacks and a beige colored shirt running from my left to right, up the slope, across a grassy section, along a sidewalk, towards some steps and what appeared to be a low stone wall. He was bent over while running and I started to point towards him, but I didn't notice anything in his hands and by this time we were going under the overpass at a very high rate of speed. I was looking back and saw a motorcycle policeman stopping along the curb approximately adjacent to where I saw the Negro running.

After we rode under the overpass I again looked at the President's car and saw Special Agent Clint Hill lying across the trunk. He was looking back towards the Follow-up car shaking his head back and forth and gave a thumbs-down sign with his hand.

ATSAIG Roberts asked if anyone got the exact time of the shooting and someone said "about 12:30 p.m.;" then someone told me to get inside the car and pulled me by the arm. My sun glasses fell off and Special Agent Bennett handed them to me. By now we were on an Expressway and a few people were standing in spots along the way waving as we went by.

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ASAC Roberts was telling the other agents in the Follow-up car to cover vice-President Johnson as soon as we stopped.

Sometime around 12:37 p.m. we arrived at Parkland Memorial Hospital. I immediately ran to the left rear side of the President's car, reached over and tried to help Mrs. Kennedy up by taking hold of her shoulders. She did not want to let go of President Kennedy whose head she held in her lap and she was bending over him. She said something like, "No, I want to stay with him!"

Agent Hill had in the meantime opened the left rear door of the Presidential Convertible, stepped inside and took Mrs. Kennedy by the arm. She released the President and someone said, "Cover up his head." Agent Hill took off his suit coat and covered up the President's head. I also remember Mr. Powers leaning in the car and saying, "Oh, No! Mr. President! Mr. President!"

By this time someone was lifting the President's body out of the right side of the car. Agent Hill helped Mrs. Kennedy out of the car, and I followed. Mrs. Kennedy's purse and hat and a cigarette lighter were on the back seat. I picked these three items up as I walked through the car and followed Mrs. Kennedy into the hospital.

The President's body was taken directly to an Emergency Room, and I think I remember Mrs. Kennedy following the people in but coming out almost immediately. The door to the Emergency Room was closed and I stayed by Mrs. Kennedy's side. Someone, in the meantime, had brought a chair for Mrs. Kennedy to sit in and she sat just outside of the emergency room. There were several people milling around and with the help of a nurse we cleared all unauthorized personnel out of the immediate area.

Someone came out of the Room that the President was in and asked if anyone knew his blood type. ASAC Kellerman and SA Hill immediately reached for their wallets. ASAC Kellerman gave the man the information first.

At one point someone else came out of the President's Room again and said he was still breathing. Mrs. Kennedy stood up and said, "Do you mean he may live?" No one answered.

Most of the time while in the hospital I stayed right next to Mrs. Kennedy. Twice, I believe, she went into the Room where the President was; however, I remained outside by the door. A short time later I still remember several people standing around, and I asked a doctor for help in clearing the area.

At approximately 2:00 p.m. the President's body was wheeled from the hospital in a coffin into an ambulance. Special Agent Andrew Berger drove the ambulance; ASAC Kellerman and ASAC Stout were in the front seat. Mrs. Kennedy, Admiral Burkley, and Agent Hill rode in the rear of the ambulance with the President's body.

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I rode in the Follow-up car behind the ambulance which departed the hospital at 2:04 p.m.

At 2:14 p.m., the President's body arrived at Love Field Airport and several Secret Service agents immediately carried it on board U. S. Air Force No. One via the rear door. I followed on board behind Mrs. Kennedy and then moved to the forward section of the plane. I witnessed the swearing in of President Johnson at 2:39 p.m. in the center compartment on board Air Force #1, and at 2:47 p.m. departed Love Field Airport, Dallas, Texas, via Air Force No. One, with Mrs. Kennedy and the body of the late President Kennedy.

Upon our arrival at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., at 5:58 p.m. I helped carry the late President Kennedy's coffin from Air Force #1. The body was placed in an ambulance which departed Andrews Air Force Base at approximately 6:10 p.m., driven by Special Agent William Greer. ASAIC Kellerman, Admiral Burkley, and I rode in the front seat of the ambulance. Mrs. Kennedy and Attorney General Robert Kennedy rode in the rear of the ambulance with President Kennedy's body.

The above party arrived at Bethesda Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Md., at approximately 6:55 p.m. Special Agent Hill and I escorted Mrs. Kennedy to the 17th Floor where we immediately secured the area. Only hospital personnel assigned to the area, Kennedy family members and friends, and authorized personnel were allowed in the area.

I only left the 17th Floor twice while Mrs. Kennedy was there. Once, to find ASAIC Kellerman in the hospital morgue and give him a telephone message from Chief Rowley. The other time was to find a White House driver.

At 3:56 a.m., on November 23, 1963, Mrs. Kennedy and Attorney General Robert Kennedy departed Bethesda Naval Hospital via ambulance, accompanying the late President John F. Kennedy's body to the White House. Special Agent William Greer was driving and ASAIC Kellerman accompanied. Special Agent Clinton Hill rode in the first limousine behind the ambulance and I rode in the second limousine.

The above Party arrived at the White House at 4:24 a.m.

*Paul E. Landis, Jr.*

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FIELD FORCEPROTECTIVE ASSIGNMENT OF S/A TENNETT ON 11/22/63  
AT DALLAS, TEXAS

Air Force Two landed at Love Field, Dallas, Texas at 11:35 A.M. Upon deplaning, I covered the fence and press areas. The President's plane arrived at approximately 11:38 A.M. I stayed with the President and First Lady during the time they greeted the crowd on the apron and along the fence. The greeting lasted for about 10 minutes and the President/First Lady entered their car and the motorcade planned to depart. I asked while moving towards the follow-up car what position I should take; Mr. Roberts informed me that I should take the right rear seat of the follow-up. I took this position and held it during the entire motorcade. I left this rear seat position at one point in the trip to assist in getting well-wishers away from the President's auto. About thirty minutes after leaving Love Field, about 12:25 P.M., the Motorcade entered an intersection and then proceeded down a grade. At this point the well-wishers numbered but a few; the motorcade continued down this grade enroute to the Trade Mart. At this point I heard what sounded like a fire-cracker. I immediately looked from the right/crowd/physical area and looked towards the President who was seated in the right rear seat of his limosine open convertible. At the moment I looked at the back of the President I heard another fire-cracker noise and saw the shot hit the President about four inches down from the right shoulder. A second shot followed immediately and hit the right rear high of the President's head. I immediately hollered "he's hit" and reached for the AR-15 located on the floor of the rear seat. Special Agent Hickey had already picked-up the AR-15. We peered towards the rear and particularly the right side of the area. I had drawn my revolver when I saw S/A Hickey had the AR-15. I was unable to see anything or one that could have fired the shoots. The President's car immediately kicked into high gear and the follow-up car followed. The President's auto and the follow-up proceeded to the Parkland Hospital. Upon arriving at the hospital's parking lot, I was instructed by ASAC Roberts to stay with the Vice-President who had followed us into the parking lot. I immediately went to the Vice-President's auto and accompanied him to a room on the ground floor of the hospital. I then continued with the Vice-President back to Washington, D.C. where I was relieved.

  
Glen A. Bennett  
Special Agent

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Saturday  
November 30, 1963

To: Gerald A. Behn, Special Agent in Charge, White House Detail, United States Secret Service

From: George W. Hickey, Jr., Special Agent, White House Detail, White House garage, United States Secret Service

Subject: Activities of S.A. George W. Hickey, Jr. from the time he arrived at Love Airfield, Dallas, Texas, Thursday, November 21, 1963, to the time he departed from the above Love Airfield, Friday, November 22, 1963

**Report: Thursday, November 21, 1963**

I arrived at Love Airfield, Dallas, Texas at 6:05 p.m. via U.S.A.F. C 130 plane #12373. U.S.A.F. flight order number 597, dated November 15, 1963 giving the names and rank of the crew of the above plane is attached to this report and initialed by me this date. S.A. Samuel Kinney was the senior agent aboard this plane which was being used in Presidential support to transport Secret Service Cars 100X and 679X. We were met at the airport by S.A.I.C. Forest V. Sorrells of the Dallas Field Office and S.A. Winston G. Lawson, the advance agent for the White House Secret Service Detail. S.A. Kinney unloaded 679X and I unloaded 100X from the plane. The drivers of the above cars accompanied by agents Sorrells and Lawson then drove to the garage beneath the airport's main terminal building where security was placed on the cars by the Dallas Police Department as arranged by S.A.I.C. Sorrells.

Agents Kinney, Hickey, Lawson and Sorrells then drove in a Dallas field office car to the Sheraton Hotel in Dallas where reservations had been made for us. Agent Kinney and I then went to our room to wash and change clothes before dinner.

We met with Agent Lawson, Warrant Officer Arthur Bales of the White House Signal Agency and Jack Puterbaugh, a Democratic National Committee man for that area at about 8:30 p.m. at the hotel, and drove to the Dallas Trade Mart where the President was to speak the next day. The premises were checked by Agent Lawson for final security details. At about 9:15 p.m. we departed and went to dinner. Finished about 11:00 p.m. and proceeded back to the Sheraton Hotel where we parted company and went to our respective rooms.

**Friday, November 22, 1963**

Awoke about 7:00 a.m., washed, packed suitcase, checked out of hotel and had breakfast. About 8:30 a.m. Agent Sorrells met Agent Kinney

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and me outside the hotel and drove to the airport arriving about 9:00 a.m. We went directly to the garage and relieved the police of the security of the cars. Washed and cleaned both cars and checked outside, inside and underneath for security violations - none found. We drove the cars to the area where the President was to be met about 11:00 a.m. Cars were kept under close observation until the arrival of the President, when Agent William Greer of the White House Detail took over control of 100X and Agent Kinney 679X.

The President and his party then ~~it~~<sup>he</sup> proceeded up to the fence holding the crowd back and greeted and shook hands with them. I assisted Agents on the detail to make a path for them and helped Agent Greer keep the cars abreast of the President as he moved along the length of the fence.

After the President and his party entered and were seated in 100X I entered 679X as I had been instructed to do by Agent Lawson. I was seated in the rear left side seat. The shift leader, Evory Roberts, had instructed me to take control of the ARL5 rifle whenever I was riding in 679X as an extra man. I did this and had the ammunition clip ~~it~~<sup>it</sup> inserted in the rifle and placed the rifle within easy reach of me. ~~it~~<sup>it</sup>

The motorcade then left the airport and proceeded along the parade route. Just prior to the shooting ~~xx~~ the Presidential car turned left at the intersection and started down an incline toward an underpass followed by 679X. After a very short distance I heard a loud report which sounded like a firecracker. It appeared to come from the right and rear and seemed to me to be at ground level. I stood up and looked to my right and rear in an attempt to identify it. Nothing caught my attention except people shouting and cheering. A disturbance in 679X caused me to look forward toward the President's car. Perhaps 2 or 3 seconds elapsed from the time I looked to the rear and then looked at the President. He was slumped forward and to his left, and was straightening up to an almost erect sitting position as I turned and looked. At the moment he was almost sitting erect I heard two reports which I thought were shots and that appeared to me completely different in sound than the first report and were in such rapid succession that there seemed to be practically no time element between them. It looked to me as if the President was struck in the right upper rear of his head. The first shot of the second two seemed as if it missed because the hair on the right side of his head flew forward and there didn't seem to be any impact against his head. The last shot seemed to hit his head and cause a noise at the point of impact which made him fall forward and to his left again. ~~xxx~~<sup>xxx</sup>

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Agent Clint Hill was riding across the rear and the top of LOOX in a horizontal position. He looked into the rear of LOOX and turned toward 679X and shook his head several times. I received the impression that the President at the least was very seriously injured. A few moments later shift leader Emory Roberts turned to the rest of us in the car and said words to the effect that when we arrive at the hospital some of us would have to give additional protection to the Vice President and take him to a place of safety. He assigned two of the agents in the car to this duty. I was told to have the AR 15 ready for use if needed.

By this time a great number of police had arrived with newsmen and others in the motorcade, and Agent Kinney and I stood by the cars. Agent Kinney requested that I go and see if I could find out what was to be done with the cars. As I was on my way into the hospital to do this, Mr. Kenneth O'Donnell asked me to take him to where the President was as he could not get by the police. I did this and he joined Mrs. Kennedy and Mr. Dave Powers outside the President's operating room.

As I was leaving to go back to the area where Agent Roberts was, Mr. Dave Powers asked me to get a priest which I did. Agent Roberts informed me to wait until later when a decision might be made about the cars. Upon returning to the vehicles, I assisted Agent Kinney to put the tops on the cars.

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A short time later Agent Roy Kallerman told Agent Kinney and me to take the cars to the plane and stand by for orders. Agent Kinney drove 679K and I took to the plane and loaded them and secured the plane, allowing no one to enter except the regular crew.

After Airforce #1 left, we received orders to depart for Washington, D.C. and return the cars to the garage and preserve any evidence that might be in them. Departed Love Airfield, Dallas, Texas via U.S.A.F. plane #12373 at 3:35 p.m.

The above report has been initialed by the below signed on each of its four pages, including the attached flight sheet.

*gwt*

*George W. Hickey, Jr.*

George W. Hickey, Jr.  
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Just prior to the shooting I was seated in the rear of SS-679-X on the left side. As 100-X made the turn and proceeded a short distance I heard what seemed to me that a firecracker exploded to the right and rear. I stood partially up and turned to the rear to see if I could observe anything. Nothing was observed and I ~~immediately~~ turned around and looked at the President's car. The President was slumped to the left in the car and I observed him come up. I heard what appeared to be two shots and it seemed as if the right side of his head was hit and his hair flew forward. I then reached down, picked up the AR 15, cocked and loaded it and stood part way up in the car and looked about. By this time, 100-X had 679-X had passed under the overpass and was proceeding at a high rate of speed towards the hospital.

Clint Hill who was lying on the trunk of the President's car looked into the car and then looked back at us and shook his head. Emory Roberts then turned around and said to words of this effect that we had to take care of the Vice President. He assigned two agents to go to him the minute we arrived at the hospital. He told me to stand by with the AR 15 in case there was any danger to the Vice President when we arrived at the hospital.

I did this, and after the Vice President was escorted into the hospital, I returned the gun to the car. Kenneth O'Donnell asked me to take him into the hospital. He couldn't get by the local police. I took him into the area where the President was and assisted the agent outside the door to keep the people away who didn't belong there. I was then relieved and went back to the cars where I assisted Agent Kinney to put the plastic top on 100-X. We were then told by Roy Kellerman to take the cars to the plane and stand by. I drove 100-X to the plane, loaded it in company with Agent Kinney. We stood by until the plane took off.

*George W. Hickey*  
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Special Agent  
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# Memorandum

U.S. Secret Service

TO : Chief

DATE: November 29, 1963

FROM : SAIC Youngblood - Vice Presidential Detail

SUBJECT: Statement of SAIC Rufus W. Youngblood, Vice Presidential Detail (office 1-22), concerning details of events occurring in Dallas, Texas, on November 22, 1963.

At 11:35 a.m., AF-2 plane arrived at Love Field airport, Dallas, Texas. The Vice President, Mrs. Johnson, and others were aboard this plane including ATSAIC Thomas L. Johns, SA Warren W. Taylor, and myself of the Vice Presidential Detail (office 1-22). SA Jerry D. Kivett of the Vice Presidential Detail was on the ground in Dallas ahead of us.

We arrived before the Presidential aircraft, and the Vice President and Mrs. Johnson were met by numerous dignitaries when they disembarked from the plane. ATSAIC Johns, SA Taylor and myself were staying in the immediate vicinity of Vice President and Mrs. Johnson. SA Kivett was working intermittently with us and also keeping up with location of cars, the other airplane, etc.

Prior to the arrival of the Presidential aircraft, I led the Vice President and Mrs. Johnson to the reception line, and when AF-1 was in position and the ramp was in place, led them to the foot of the ramp. They greeted the President and the First Lady upon their arrival. We later followed the Presidential couple and when the Presidential couple went along the fence to greet the public, we did likewise but in a separate group. During this time, I was always in close proximity to the Vice President; Warren Taylor was in close proximity to Mrs. Johnson; and we were both being assisted by Johns and Kivett. When the President took his position in the Presidential vehicle, we did likewise in the Vice Presidential vehicle. The following persons were in the Vice Presidential vehicle when the motorcade departed from the airport at approximately 11:50 a.m., CST.

In the front seat: The driver, Herschel Jacks, Texas Highway Patrol  
Other side front seat: ASAIC Youngblood  
Rear seat, behind driver: Senator Ralph W. Yarborough  
Rear seat, middle: Mrs. Johnson  
Rear seat, behind ASAIC Youngblood: The Vice President

The above vehicle was a 4-door Lincoln convertible with the top down. I had a shoulder strap (DCM) portable 2-way radio with me on "Baker" frequency.

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The following persons loaded into the Vice Presidential follow-up car:

The driver  
ATSAIC Johns  
SA Warren W. Taylor  
SA Kivett  
Mr. Cliff Carter, member of the Vice President's staff

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ATSAIC Johns had a portable radio which was the companion of the one I had--also on "Baker" frequency. This Vice Presidential follow-up car also had a portable, 2-way radio set on "Charlie" frequency.

When we departed from the airport, the motorcade order was:

Lead car  
Presidential car  
Presidential follow-up car  
Vice Presidential car  
Vice Presidential follow-up car  
Other cars--press, dignitaries, busses, etc.

During the motorcade, the order listed above was not changed and remained so until we arrived at the hospital.

Upon leaving the airport, we were proceeding to the Trade Mart and were due to arrive there at 12:30 p.m. We were proceeding at a slow pace to this destination, which was entirely normal due to the large crowds of people along both sides of the motorcade route. During our motorcade, the Presidential vehicle made some stops to greet well-wishers. Our speed and the stops were naturally controlled by the Presidential car. I was working both in and out of the Vice Presidential car on these stops. To my recollection, the Vice President did not leave the vehicle during the motorcade. Several times during the motorcade, I was in radio contact with the Vice Presidential follow-up car concerning times, distances, etc.

During the motorcade, I instructed our driver to keep some distance (about two or three car lengths) behind the Presidential follow-up car while we were going at slow speeds.

The motorcade had just cleared the congested downtown area and made a right turn. I recall observing an illuminated clock sign on a building--the time was 12:30 p.m., which was the time we were due to be at the Trade Mart. The motorcade then made a left turn, and the sidewalk crowds were beginning to diminish in size. I observed a grassy plot to my right in back of the small crowd of bystanders on the sidewalk; some tall buildings; a downhill grade ahead where the street went under what appeared to be a railroad overpass. We were about two car lengths behind the Presidential follow-up car at this time.

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I heard an explosion--I was not sure whether it was a firecracker, bomb, bullet, or other explosion. I looked at whatever I could quickly survey, and could not see anything which would indicate the origin of this noise. I noticed that the movements in the Presidential car were very abnormal and, at practically the same time, the movements in the Presidential follow-up car were abnormal. I turned in my seat and with my left arm grasped and shoved the Vice President, at his right shoulder, down and toward Mrs. Johnson and Senator Yarborough. At the same time, I shouted "get down!" I believe I said this more than once and directed it to the Vice President and the other occupants of the rear seat. They all responded very rapidly. I quickly looked all around again and could see nothing to shoot at, so I stepped over into the back seat and sat on top of the Vice President. I sat in a crouched position and issued orders to the driver. During this time, I heard two more explosion noises and observed SA Hickey in the Presidential follow-up car poised on the car with the AR-15 rifle looking toward the buildings. The second and third explosions made the same type of sound that the first one did as far as I could tell, but by this time I was of the belief that they definitely were shots--not bombs or firecrackers. I am not sure that I was on top of the Vice President before the second shot--he says I was. All of the above related events, from the beginning at the sound of the first shot to the sound of the third shot, happened within a few seconds.

In my crouched position, I observed the people on the streets to scatter; heard some shouts; saw the motorcade increase speed, and I knew we were making a rapid evacuation. I shouted to the driver to stick with them and stay close. We then began moving very fast. I then called on my portable radio, which I had with me, to the Vice Presidential follow-up car and ordered them to switch to "Charlie" frequency. As I switched to "Charlie," I heard some transmission from the Presidential follow-up car. From fragments of what I heard and what I saw, I knew that the President had suffered injury. I could see an agent (who had previously run from the Presidential follow-up car, although I did not observe this when it happened) lying across the trunk turtle of the Presidential car above the President and Mrs. Kennedy. I heard enough radio transmission to know we were headed for a hospital. I could also see the agents in the Presidential follow-up car waving our car to come up close, and I told our driver to stay as close and go as fast as he could without having a wreck.

This driver wasn't talkative and he wasn't excitable. He responded to everything I said. He did an excellent job.

During this ride to the hospital, I had some brief conversations with the Vice President and Senator Yarborough in response to their questions. I told the Vice President that the President must have been shot or wounded, but I did not know his condition. I told the Vice President and Mrs. Johnson to follow me and the agents as closely and quickly as possible when we got to our destination. They agreed to do this.

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When we got to the hospital, my agents (SA's Kivett and W. Taylor) from the Vice Presidential follow-up car were on the ground by the time we stopped. Also, some agents from the Presidential follow-up car were coming back to assist us. We left the car immediately (Vice President and Mrs. Johnson and myself) and, surrounded by agents, went into the hospital and quickly into a corner of a large room with partitions. We did not stop to look at or for the Presidential car occupants. Senator Yarborough did not go with us. I told one agent (Glen Bennett, Protective Research Section) to stop any traffic into the room unless he knew the person to be a member of our party. Vice President and Mrs. Johnson and myself were in the corner of the room while SA's Kivett and W. Taylor were securing the room by evacuating a couple of occupants and closing blinds, shades, etc. They remained in our immediate proximity. We were shortly joined by ATSAIC Johns, Congressman Thornberry, Congressman Brooks, and Cliff Carter. ATSAIC Roberts, White House Detail, came in and told us that the President was badly wounded and probably would not live. I advised the Vice President that we should evacuate the hospital and go to the airplane and return to Washington, D.C., and the White House.

At this time I had no knowledge of whether the actions that caused the President to be shot were the work of one man, a small group, or what. I felt that the safest place for him, and in the best interests of all concerned, was in the White House. Others who were present also concurred. We were later joined by ATSAIC Kellerman who reported the President's condition was very critical. Ken O'Donnell came to the room and told us the same thing, and said we should return to Washington.

During all of this time, many things occurred and I don't recall now the exact order. I talked to Mrs. Johnson and obtained information about Lynda and Lucy, and told SA Kivett to make the necessary calls to have them placed under Secret Service protection. Mrs. Johnson left the room briefly on two occasions, accompanied by SA's Kivett and W. Taylor. I had several conversations with the Vice President about moving the airplane, and at one time he considered moving it to Carswell Air Force Base and driving this distance. We also considered just moving it to another location at Love Field, and this is what I told SA Kivett to have them do, and to have enough fuel for cross-country flight. I told the Vice President that we would drive to the airport with he and Mrs. Johnson in separate cars; that I wanted him to stay down below window level; and that Mrs. Johnson would be accompanied by agents.

I had previously told ATSAIC Johns in the presence of the Vice President that he should go out of the hospital and get two cars on a stand-by, preferably unmarked police cars with police drivers who were familiar with Love Field, etc. I told him we would not return to the motorcade cars. I also told him that we would take an unknown route, and to make sure the drivers were thoroughly familiar with the area. ATSAIC Johns reported back that he had this set up.

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The Vice President and I were both questioning the feasibility of leaving the hospital by the same way in which we had entered it. I told ATSAIC Johns to check on the various exits from which we might enter the cars and make a hasty evacuation, and to get cars at other exits if this could be worked out. While he was gone, ASAC Kellerman and Mr. Ken O'Donnell came into the room. We learned that the President had died.

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The Vice President was concerned about wanting to leave quickly as he had been advised to do, and which he now felt that he should, but he was also very much concerned about leaving without Mrs. Kennedy. It was finally agreed, at the advice of Mr. O'Donnell and others of us, that we would leave the hospital and go to AF-1 (President Kennedy's former airplane), with Mr. O'Donnell and others bringing Mrs. Kennedy as soon as they could remove the body. We were told that Mrs. Kennedy would not leave without President Kennedy's body.

While we were in this room, we were visited by Malcolm Kilduff of the White House Press Secretary's office. I also recall other White House staff people coming in, among whom I think were Mr. Larry O'Brien and, I believe, Mr. Dave Powers. I remained in the room with the Vice President at all times. Mrs. Johnson made some notes regarding the situation.

We started to leave the room and to evacuate the hospital, and since ATSAIC Johns had not returned, I grabbed one of the agents and told him to run ahead and get the cars ready, and we started out.

As soon as we got outside, we loaded into an unmarked police car-- the driver of which was Jesse Curry, Chief of Police, Dallas. The Vice President and I got into the back seat. We got in first and slumped below window-level, and I got in after him. Congressman Homer Thornberry got in the front seat. I was seated behind Congressman Thornberry.

Mrs. Johnson was in the company of SA's Kivett and W. Taylor, and also Congressman Brooks. SA Glen Bennett had also been working very closely with our group since our arrival at the hospital, and he got in the car with Mrs. Johnson.

I ordered the driver (Chief Curry) to drive out and head for Love Field. Congressman Albert Thomas was walking, and seeing Congressman Thornberry, he called out for us to stop and pick him up. I don't believe he saw the Vice President. I told the driver to continue but by this time Congressman Thomas was by the side of the car. The Vice President ordered the driver to stop, whereupon we immediately took the Congressman aboard and proceeded again. Congressman Thomas got in the front seat with Congressman Thornberry being moved over closer to the driver. The Vice President then requested that Congressman Thornberry climb over into the back seat, which he did. Congressman Thornberry

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took a position on the window side behind the driver. We then had the Vice President in the middle of the back seat.

We were momentarily blocked by traffic which was coming onto the hospital access road--a delivery truck, I believe. Rapid police assistance got us through this obstacle, and we continued to the airport. We had motorcycle escort which began using sirens. We asked Chief Curry to stop them from using sirens, which he did by use of his radio.

When we approached the apron at Love Field, I called on my portable radio that we would board AF-1 rapidly and to be ready to receive us aboard. They replied that the plane was ready.

The Vice President and I practically ran up the ramp, followed by the others. I gave several orders to agents and Air Force crewmen about checkpoints at front and rear of plane, and pulling down all shades.

The Vice President went to the stateroom area, and Mrs. Johnson joined us there. Congressman Thornberry, Brooks, and Thomas were also there. The Vice President told me to observe all of the events that I could, and to tell my agents to make notes, and also to tell any of his staff to do likewise. I passed these instructions on to my agents. I went everywhere the Vice President did, and was present when he called Attorney General Kennedy. He asked the Attorney General about the legal aspects of taking the oath of the President, such as when, where, and who should administer it. The Vice President placed calls to the office of Federal Judge Hughes, and he received a call from the Justice Department. He instructed Marie Fehmer to take down the wording of the oath. The Vice President had another phone conversation with the Attorney General. The Vice President advised me and others that Judge Sara Hughes would be coming to the plane, and I advised other agents and had them pass the word to local security officials. He also asked me to check on the status and location of Mrs. Kennedy and the President's body, and inform him of their estimated time of arrival.

Mrs. Kennedy and the President's body arrived at the plane ahead of Judge Hughes. The Vice President and Mrs. Johnson went to Mrs. Kennedy's bedroom to comfort her.

When Judge Hughes arrived, the oath was administered, and Cecil Stoughton, White House photographer, took photos of this event. His photos show most of those who witnessed this event within the stateroom and thru the passageway door leading to the front of the plane. There were some other witnesses who were not in the pictures since we were on the side of the stateroom where the photographer was. These persons included myself, an Air Force steward, and an agent who was stationed at the rear of the plane with the President's body.

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The oath of office was administered at approximately 2:40 p.m., CST. Judge Hughes and Chief Curry disembarked from the plane, and the plane was airborne from Love Field, Dallas, at 2:47 p.m., CST, enroute to Andrews Air Force Base.

The foregoing account of events is true and accurate to the best of my recollections.

*Rufus W. Youngblood*

Rufus W. Youngblood  
Special Agent in Charge, 1-22

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# Memorandum

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U.S. Secret Service

TO : Chief

DATE: November 29, 1963

FROM : ASAC Thomas L. Johns - Vice Presidential Detail

SUBJECT: Statement regarding events in Dallas, Texas, on Friday,  
November 22, 1963.

This personal statement is being submitted at the direction of  
SAIC Rufus W. Youngblood, Vice Presidential Detail, office 1-22.

On Friday, November 22, 1963, I was assigned to the Vice Presidential Detail, office 1-22, and was working the movements of Vice President Johnson during his travels on this date with ASAC Youngblood. ASAC Youngblood was riding the Vice President's car on all movements and I worked the Vice Presidential follow-up car. Special Agent Warren W. Taylor was also working all Vice Presidential movements on this date, and was assigned to Mrs. Johnson. SA Taylor rode the Vice Presidential follow-up car when Mrs. Johnson rode in the car with the Vice President.

On this same date, the Vice President and party arrived Love Field, Dallas, Texas, at 11:35 a.m., CST. President Kennedy and party arrived Love Field at 11:38 a.m., CST, and at 11:50 a.m., CST, the Presidential and Vice Presidential motorcades departed Love Field en route to the Trade Mart where the President was to speak.

The motorcade and security personnel were as follows:

- President's car
- Secret Service follow-up car
- Vice President's car: ASAC Youngblood
- Vice Presidential security car: ATSAIC Johns, and  
SA's Taylor and Kivett

The Vice Presidential security car was a 1963 or 1964 Mercury 4-door sedan driven by a man whom I believe to be an employee of the Texas Department of Public Safety. Mr. Cliff Carter, Aide to Vice President Johnson, was seated in the middle front seat; SA Kivett, who was the Vice Presidential Detail's advance man for Fort Worth-Dallas, was seated in the right front seat; SA Taylor was seated in the left rear seat; and I was seated in the right rear seat of this car.

The motorcade had passed through the downtown section of Dallas, and at approximately 12:35 p.m., CST, I heard two "shots," not knowing whether they were firecrackers, backfire, or gun shots. These two shots were approximately two or three seconds apart, and at this time we were on a

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slight downhill curve to the right. On the right-hand side of the motorcade from the street, a grassy area sloped upward to a small 2 or 3-foot concrete wall with sidewalk area. When the shots sounded, I was looking to the right and saw a man standing and then being thrown or hit to the ground, and this together with the shots made the situation appear dangerous to me. I estimate that the motorcade was going approximately 12 to 14 miles per hour at this time, and I jumped from the security car and started running for the Vice President's car. I felt that if there was danger due to the slow speed of the motorcade, I would be of more assistance and in a more proper location with the Vice President's car. Before I reached the Vice President's car, a third shot had sounded and the entire motorcade then picked up speed and I was left on the street at this point. I obtained a ride with White House movie men and joined the Vice President and ASAIC Youngblood at the Parkland Hospital.

I did not have any trouble keeping my balance when getting out of the security car, and it is on this that I base the estimated speed of the motorcade. Also, as the door of the security car opened to the rear, I lost some time in getting out and starting to run for the Vice President's car.

At no time did I see any details concerning persons in President Kennedy's car, as his security car was a large one with agents standing on the running boards and this obscured my view of the President's car.

I arrived at Parkland Hospital at approximately 12:45-12:50 p.m. and immediately joined ASAIC Youngblood with Vice President Johnson. In a few minutes I was directed by ASAIC Youngblood (at the request of Vice President Johnson) to go to ASAIC Kellerman and ask him to give a report on the condition of President Kennedy to Vice President Johnson. I found ASAIC Kellerman and conveyed this message to him, and then I returned to close proximity of Vice President Johnson. Mr. Ken O'Donnell came to the Vice President and advised that President Kennedy was in a "bad way" and advised Vice President Johnson to return to Washington, D.C. Those present with Vice President Johnson were Mrs. Johnson, Congressman Homer Thornberry, ASAIC Youngblood and, most of the time, Congressman Jack Brooks and Special Agents Jerry Kivett and Warren Taylor.

ASAIC Youngblood then requested that I obtain transportation (cars) for the Vice President, and to have drivers who were thoroughly familiar with any and all routes from the hospital to Love Field, and to have added police protection placed at Love Field. I went outside the hospital and spoke to an inspector--highest ranking police officer. We discussed cars for use of the Vice President, and possibly other members of his party, and he offered the use of several unmarked police cars. Chief Curry, Dallas Police, then joined us, and in further discussion they stated that they would send a large police detail to Love Field and "completely secure it." The Police Inspector himself then stated that he would drive Vice President Johnson to the airport.

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I returned to the Vice President and ASAIC Youngblood and heard Ken O'Donnell inform Vice President Johnson that President Kennedy had died. To the best of my knowledge I believe that the Vice President learned from Mr. O'Donnell that Mrs. Kennedy was getting a casket, and would proceed as soon as she could to AF-1 for return to Washington, D.C., with President Johnson on the same plane.

At the request of ASAIC Youngblood, I then went and got the hospital building superintendent, and with him started looking and checking out another exit to use from the hospital. I was gone about ten minutes, and when I returned to last location in the hospital of the Vice President and ASAIC Youngblood, I learned that they had just departed the hospital en route to AF-1.

I went outside the hospital, and with Mr. Cliff Carter and Mr. Jack Valenti, staff member and friend of Vice President Johnson, respectively, and Captain Cecil Stoughton, I obtained a police car and driver, and all of us drove to Love Field, and I went aboard AF-1 and rejoined the Vice President and ASAIC Youngblood.

I then conferred with Col. James Swindal, pilot of AF-1, and a decision was made to remove seats from small rear compartment of AF-1 for use of Mrs. Kennedy and the casket containing President Kennedy's body. Also, passengers on board were identified and a manifest started at front entrance to AF-1, the rear entrance being reserved for Mrs. Kennedy.

Via radio-telephone, I then talked with SAIC Bohn, White House Detail, Washington, D.C., and informed him that Mrs. Kennedy and the body of President Kennedy would accompany the Vice President back to Washington, D.C.

At approximately 2:30 p.m., Federal Judge Sarah Hughes came aboard AF-1, and gave the Presidential Oath of Office to Vice President Johnson, witnessed by all at the request of the Vice President.

AF-1 then departed Love Field, Dallas, Texas, immediately following the above, at 2:50 p.m., CST, en route for Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland, and I was aboard the plane.

*Thomas L. Johns*  
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ASAIC, 1-22

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# Memorandum

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U.S. Secret Service

TO : Chief

DATE: Nov. 29, 1963

FROM : SA Jerry D. Kivett - Vice Presidential Detail

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SUBJECT: Statement regarding events in Dallas, Texas, on Friday,  
November 22, 1963.

I arrived Love Field, Dallas, Texas, at approximately 10:30 a.m., CST, from Fort Worth, Texas. I was driven from Fort Worth by SA Warner, Dallas Field Office, and SA Shannon was also in the car. SA Shannon had worked the previous midnight at Fort Worth and was catching a commercial flight from Dallas to Austin in order to work the following midnight at the LBJ Ranch.

Upon arrival at Love Field, I immediately contacted SA Lawson, and assisted him in advance arrangements prior to the arrival of the President and the Vice President. I assisted him in arranging motorcade cars and various other duties as he directed. I contacted the local representative of Continental Airlines and obtained four pillows to be used in case the President and his party wanted to sit on the back of the convertible. I was in constant contact with Art Bales as to the exact location and time of arrival of the Vice President and Presidential aircraft. I also conferred with Mr. Jack Peuterball (phonetic), political advance officer, on who was going to greet the Vice President when he arrived.

AF-2, with the Vice President and party aboard, arrived at 11:35 a.m., CST. I was at the foot of the ramp when Vice President and Mrs. Johnson and party disembarked. Vice Presidential Detail agents accompanying the Vice President were ASAC Youngblood, ATSAIC Johns, and SA Taylor. Other White House Detail agents were also on board. The Vice President was greeted by the local committee consisting of 15 persons. ASAC Youngblood and ATSAIC Johns remained in close proximity to the Vice President; SA Taylor remained in close proximity to Mrs. Johnson; and I was making sure that the Vice President and others moved to the proper area to greet the President, and also was keeping an eye on the Presidential plane so as to advise ASAC Youngblood of its location.

AF-1, with the President and party aboard, arrived at 11:40 a.m., CST. The Vice President was at the foot of the ramp to greet President and Mrs. Kennedy when they descended the steps of the plane. After the President was greeted by the reception committee (same committee that greeted the Vice President), he walked past his automobile and up to the crowd which was behind a waist-high cyclone fence. He and Mrs. Kennedy began to shake hands with those assembled there. The Vice President and Mrs. Johnson also went past their cars to the fence and also started shaking hands. ASAC Youngblood and ATSAIC Johns remained in close proximity to the Vice President, with SA Taylor in close proximity to

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Mrs. Johnson. I was alternating between remaining in close proximity to the Vice President and seeing that the Vice President's car and follow-up car were staying right behind the Presidential car and follow-up car as President and Mrs. Kennedy and Vice President and Mrs. Johnson moved down the fence to their left shaking hands.

When President and Mrs. Kennedy took their positions in their car, I assisted ASAC Youngblood and ATSAIC Johns in getting Vice President and Mrs. Johnson in their car. The Vice Presidential car was a 1964 Lincoln convertible with the top down. The driver was Herschel Jacks, Department of Public Safety, and ASAC Youngblood rode in the right front seat. In the back seat were Senator Yarborough, Mrs. Johnson, and the Vice President--left to right. As the motorcade started moving out, I ran alongside the Vice President's car for approximately 15 to 25 yards and then jumped into the Vice Presidential follow-up car, a 1963 Mercury 4-door sedan. This vehicle was driven by Joe Rich, Department of Public Safety, with Cliff Carter, Executive Assistant to the Vice President, in the middle front seat, and I was in the right front seat. SA Taylor and ATSAIC Johns were in the back seat, left and right sides respectively. The motorcade proceeded out of the airport and along the motorcade route.

The entire route was well lined with people, and on several occasions when the crowds were large, I opened the door of the vehicle to be prepared to get out if necessary.

During the entire parade route, I could not see the Presidential car well, but I could see the Presidential follow-up car and observed the agents standing on the running board.

On one occasion (exact location unknown), the Presidential car stopped and a few well-wishers went over to the car to shake his hand. The stop was very brief and none of the crowd made an attempt to shake the Vice President's hand. During this time I had the door open and was standing halfway out of the car, prepared to go up to the Vice President's car if necessary. During the motorcade, as we moved further downtown, the crowd became increasingly heavy and I noticed numerous persons watching the motorcade from windows of the various buildings we passed. All agents in the Vice Presidential follow-up car were closely observing the crowd both along the streets and watching from the windows.

Approximately three minutes before the assassination, in the very downtown part of Dallas, I observed a young white male approximately 21 years old, running toward the Presidential car. As he got alongside the Presidential follow-up car, SA Ready, who was working the right front running board, jumped down from the follow-up car and forcibly shoved this individual back into the crowd. We continued along the motorcade route and turned off Main Street. At this point, SA Lawson in the lead car gave a '5-minutes to Trade Mark signal'--moments later the first shot was heard.

See additional statement for actions during and after assassination.

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*Jerry D. Elvett*  
SA Jerry D. Elvett

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I was riding in the Vice Presidential follow-up car immediately behind the Vice President's car and the third car behind the President's car. The Vice President's car was a 1964 steel gray Lincoln convertible, borrowed from Ford Motor Company, Dallas, Texas and was driven by Herschel D. Jacks, Texas Department, Public Safety. ATSAIC Youngblood was riding in the right front seat of this vehicle. In the back seat were Senator Yarborough, Mrs. Johnson, and the Vice President, left to right. The Vice Presidential follow up car was a 1963 yellow 4-door Mercury Sedan, also borrowed from Ford Motor Company, driven by Joe H. Rich, Texas Department, Public Safety. Cliff Carter, Executive Assistant to the Vice President was seated in the middle of the front seat and I was seated in the right front seat. In the rear seat was SA Taylor and ATSAIC Johns, left to right respectively. The motorcade had just made a right turn from Main Street and then made an immediate left turn on to Elm Street. The motorcade was heading slightly downhill toward an underpass. As the motorcade was approximately 1/3 of the way to the underpass, traveling between 10 and 15 miles per hour, I heard a loud noise - - - someone hollared "What was that?" It sounded more like an extremely large fire-cracker, in that it did not seem to have the sharp report of a rifle. As I was looking in the direction of the noise, which was to my right rear, I heard another report - - then there was no doubt in my mind what was happening - - I looked toward the Vice Presidential car, and as I did so, I could see the spectators, approximately 25-50, scattering - - some were falling to the ground, some were running up a small hill, and some were just standing there stunned - - here I heard the third shot. I could see the President's car, and observed Mrs. Kennedy, who seemed to be standing up in the car and trying to get out. I was getting out of the car to get to the Vice President's car and assist Youngblood; I had reached for my gun but did not draw it for I could not tell where the shots were coming from; when I saw the Presidential car speed down the street, since I could not get to the Vice Presidential car, I fell back into the follow-up car and hollared to the driver to go-go, and the car lurched forward behind the Vice President's car. During this time, I don't know exactly what happened, but it seems that the Vice Presidential follow-up car was moving quite slow. ATSAIC Johns was out of the car (I have no knowledge of what actions he took), and as we moved out, ATSAIC Johns was left. SA Taylor was seated to my left rear, and since all the actions took place on my right, I do not know what action he took. Cliff Carter, to the best of my knowledge remained still in the middle front seat.

Once we left the area, I could see all three cars - - the President's car (I could not see any principal party and could only see Clint Hill on the back of the car) - - The follow-up car, with some agent holding the AR-15 pointed in the air - - The Vice President's car (I could not see the Vice President, but could see ATSAIC Youngblood lying over the area where he had been sitting - - I don't recall seeing Mrs. Johnson or Senator Yarborough). We were traveling at a high rate of speed. ATSAIC Roberts said over the radio, and this is not a direct quote but to the best of my recollection - - To the hospital - to the hospital, as fast as possible - Lawson, are we going to the hospital? - Hurry, he's hit - - Then Roberts called to Youngblood, I answered since Youngblood was using Baker frequency with our follow-up car; however, I had a Charlie set in the follow-up car also. Roberts said

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to cover our man good, I replied that Youngblood had him covered - - at this point Youngblood, who had switched his radio to Charlie answered and stated that he had him covered and to take of, we were right behind them. It took approximately 4 minutes from the time the first shot was fired until we reached the hospital. As soon as we reached the hospital, ASAC Youngblood and myself ran the Vice President into the Hospital and continued running with him until we reached an isolated room. SA Taylor immediately followed with Mrs. Johnson. As we were taking the Vice President into the hospital, Roberts informed him that the President had been shot and was critically injured and probably would die. Once inside the hospital, we had the Vice President and Mrs. Johnson in an isolated room. We pulled all window shades so as no one would know our exact location. At first it was the Vice President, Mrs. Johnson, Youngblood and myself. Moments later, Emory Roberts came in and said the President would not make it. A discussion followed as to what action would be taken and all agents were in agreement that we should leave the hospital as soon as possible, fly to Washington and go to the White House, which was the safest location for the Vice President to go. The Vice President asked for Congressman Homer Thornberry and Congressman Jack Brooks to join him in the isolated room, he also asked that someone go to get coffee for he and Mrs. Johnson. Cliff Carter who also had come into the room went to get the coffee. Roy Kellerman came into the room and discussed the President's condition with the Vice President. The Vice President did not want to leave the hospital immediately and fly to the White House because he said it would appear presumptuous on his part. ASAC Youngblood told me to get in touch with Austin, Texas and Washington, D. C. and have agents assigned to the Vice President's daughters immediately. I located a phone which was being manned by a member of a telephone company, who had accompanied the Presidential party and who had an open line to the Signal Board in Washington. I asked first for Chief Rowley, then Chief Paterni and ended up talking to Chief Wildy. I told him to call Austin and have an agent assigned immediately to Lynda Bird Johnson and as she could probably be located at Kinsolving Dormitory, University of Texas. That an agent should also be assigned immediately to Lucy Baines Johnson, who could best be located at National Cathedral for Girls, Washington, D. C. Since I was talking to the Signal Board I asked for Austin, Texas. I talked to SA Paine, advised him to get an agent with Lynda as soon as possible. He put SA Lockwood on the phone and I told him to find Lynda and stay with her until he heard further word and that she was probably at Kinsolving Dormitory, University of Texas. Upon completing these calls, I went back to the room where the Vice President was.

Mrs. Johnson stated that she would like to visit Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Connally. Someone, I don't remember who, I think it was a member of the hospital staff, showed Mrs. Johnson to Mrs. Kennedy's location and to Mrs. Connally's location where she visited briefly with each. She was accompanied at all times by SA Taylor and myself. Upon returning to the isolated room where the Vice President was located, I overheard Ken O'Donald tell the Vice President that the President was dead. It was then decided to leave the hospital immediately. ASAC Youngblood told me to get in touch with Air Force One to advise them to fuel for a cross country flight and to move to another

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part of the airport. I located a phone which was opened to the Dallas Signal Board and contacted Air Force One, cannot recall who I talked to. I advised them to refuel the plane for a cross country flight, and to move it to another location. I was advised that the plane was refueled and ready to go and that they were in the process of trying to locate another location. I told him to call me back as soon as they moved to a new location. I returned to the room where the Vice President was and Youngblood told me we are leaving right now. We exited from the hospital by the same room we had entered. SA Taylor and myself accompanied Mrs. Johnson, placed her in an unmarked police Sedan and drove immediately behind the car carrying the Vice President to the airport. A car of Secret Service agents followed directly behind us. This vehicle (the one Mrs. Johnson was in) was driven by an uniform police officer, name unknown, with SA Taylor, SA Bennett, in the front seat; in the rear seat were Congressman Brooks, Mrs. Johnson, and myself, left to right. I requested Mrs. Johnson to crouch down in the seat so that she could not be seen from the outside, she did so immediately. Upon arrival to the airport (Love Field) SA Taylor and myself ran Mrs. Johnson up the ramp into the airplane. Upon instructions from ASAC Youngblood, all window shades in the airplane were pulled down and check points were established at both doors leading to the Vice President's area of the airplane, (Air Force One). At first the Vice President was put in the State Room, i. e. where the beds were; however he said this was in bad taste and he moved up to the sitting room, i. e. where the table and television set are located. At first inside this area where the Vice President, Mrs. Johnson, Cliff Carter, Marie Fehmer, Jack Valenti, members of the Vice President's staff, Paul Glynn, Vice President's Air Force Valet, ASAC Youngblood and myself. SA Taylor manned the check point at the front door leading to the State Room and SA Bennett manned the check point at the rear door leading to the State Room. There followed a series of conferences between the Vice President, Congressman Horner Thornberry, Congressman Jack Brooks, and Albert Thomas. The Vice President and the others in the State Room where also watching television accounts of the President's Assassination. I do not recall what necessarily was discussed and at one time or another various members of the White House staff came back to the State Room to talk to the Vice President. It was decided that the plane would remain and wait for Mrs. Kennedy and the President's body. Malcolm Kilduff asked me to inquire of the Vice President if he wanted any press to go back on the plane with him. I inquired of the Vice President wishes in this matter and he said yes, let me talk to Kilduff. I then asked Kilduff to come in and talk to the Vice President. About this time we received word that Mrs. Kennedy and the President's body were on the way. During the discussions that took place in the State Room, the Vice President stated that he had talked with the Attorney General and they agreed that the Vice President should take the oath of office of President of the United States as soon as possible. The Vice President added that he had been able to contact Judge Sarah T. Hughes and she would be at the plane in 10 minutes to administer the oath of office. About this time Mrs. Kennedy and the President's body arrived at the airplane. The Vice President and Mrs. Johnson attempted to console Mrs. Kennedy in the State Room where she was. It was cleared of all personnel exception of Vice President, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Kennedy,

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ASAIC Youngblood, and a member or two of the White House staff, exactly who I cannot recall. Judge Hughes soon arrived and prepared to administer the oath of office. The Vice President invited all who wished to observe the proceedings into the State Room. I do not know exactly who was there, but to the best of my knowledge the following persons were there: Vice President, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Kennedy, Ken O'Donald, Dave Powers, Congressman Brooks, Thomas, and Thornberry, Marie Fehner, Elizabeth Carpenter, Cliff Carter, Jack Valenti, Paul Glynn, ASAIC Youngblood, ATSAIC Johns, myself, Marian Smith of the United Press International and Captain Stoughton, White House photographer. The Vice President took the oath of office at approximately 2:40 PM in the airplane and it was airborne enroute to Washington, D. C., at 2:47 PM.

The foregoing account of events is to the best of my knowledge.

  
Jerry D. Livett  
Special Agent



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## Memorandum

U.S. Secret Service

TO : Chief

DATE: November 29, 1963

FROM : SA Warren W. Taylor - Vice Presidential Detail

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On Friday, November 22, 1963, I was working as a Special Agent with the Vice Presidential Detail, U.S. Secret Service, on a special assignment with Mrs. Johnson in Dallas, Texas, for the President's visit there.

At 11:35 a.m., CST, I arrived at Love Field, Dallas, Texas, aboard AF-2 with Vice President and Mrs. Johnson. Vice President and Mrs. Johnson disembarked from the plane and I remained in close proximity to Mrs. Johnson while she and the Vice President went over to a crowd awaiting the President's arrival behind a fence surrounding the field. Vice President and Mrs. Johnson were at the foot of the ramp upon which the President and Mrs. Kennedy disembarked from AF-1 at 11:38 a.m., CST. Again, I was in close proximity to Mrs. Johnson. President and Mrs. Kennedy and Vice President and Mrs. Johnson all went back to the area of the general public and again shook hands for a short period of time. At 11:50 a.m., CST, the Presidential and Vice Presidential motorcades departed Love Field, and at that time I was working the Vice Presidential follow-up car.

The automobile in which I was riding was a late model Ford 4-door sedan driven by an unknown man whom I was later told is an officer with the Texas Department of Public Safety. Special Agent Kivett was riding in the front right seat, and ATSAIC Johns was in the right rear seat. Mr. Cliff Carter, a member of the Vice President's staff, was riding in the middle front seat, and I was in the rear left seat.

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## Memorandum

TO : Chief James J. Rowley

DATE: November 29, 1963

FROM : ATSAIC Stewart G. Stout, Jr. 1-16

SUBJECT: Report of activities of reporting agent at Dallas, Texas on November 22, 1963.

The reporting agent in company with Special Agents of this section, Sullivan, Johnson, Olsson and Berger, departed Fort Worth, Texas at 11:20am on Friday, November 22, 1963 via U.S. Air Force Plane # 6970 and arrived at Dallas Airport at 11:40am.

Upon arrival there, we were met at the plane ramp by SA Lawson, our Advance Agent, who instructed us to take two Dallas Police Cars, which he pointed out to us and proceed to the Dallas Trade Mart, and there to report to SA Grant for Post assignments. The Police cars transported the above agents to the Trade Mart where SA Grant did post the agents on their respective posts prior to the arrival of President Kennedy. The reporting agent effected security at a table directly in front of the Presidents position at the Head Table.

At about 12:35pm. SA Grant came to the reporting agents table and called me aside and informed me that something had happened to the President, that he understood the President had been hit with a object while going through an underpass. The reporting agent with SA Grant went to the White House telephone where we met Doctor Burkley who was asking if we could find out where the President had been taken. I called the switchboard operator who informed me that the President had been hurt, and had been taken to the hospital nearest the Trade Mart. SA Berger left the Trade Mart with Dr. Burkley in a Police car. SA Grant, the reporting agent and SAs Sullivan, Johnson, Olsson also left the Trade Mart in Police cars and proceeded to the Parkland Hospital.

Upon arrival at Parkland Hospital, SAs Berger, Sullivan, Johnson and Olsson effected security at the doors in the main corridors leading into the Emergency Room where the President was being treated. The reporting agent went inside the Emergency Room.

After the death of the President the reporting agent rode in the front seat of the ambulance carrying his body to the airport, together with ASAC Kellerman and SA Berger who drove the ambulance. On arrival at the airport I assisted in carrying the coffin from ambulance to the Presidential aircraft.

AF71 departed Dallas, Texas at 2:50pm. and Arrived at Andrews AFB. Washington, D.C. 6:00pm.

Approved:

Gerald A. Behn  
SAIC 1-16



Stewart G. Stout, Jr.  
ATSAIC, 1-16

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The Assassination of President John F.  
Kennedy on November 22, 1963, at  
Dallas, Texas

Statement of Special Agent David B. Grant, United States Secret Service, concerning his activities and official duties on November 22, 1963. Statement dated December 1, 1963.

Shortly before 9 am on Friday, November 22, 1963, SA Lawson and I arrived at the Dallas Trade Mart. SA Lawson and I checked the final preparations for the President's visit. SA Lawson remained at the Trade Mart for a short while and then departed for Love Field, Dallas, Texas, to set up security arrangements prior to the President's arrival.

After SA Lawson departed I discussed the luncheon arrangements with representatives of the Trade Mart and assisted them with the seating of the President and guests at the head table, and any other problems that came up before the President arrived.

With SA's Stuart and Howlett, Dallas Field Office, I rechecked the police security both inside the Trade Mart and outside at the parking lot area where the motorcade would arrive.

At approximately 12 Noon I met ATSAIC Stout, SA's Johnsen, Sullivan, Olsson and Berger who had arrived in Dallas prior to the President, and they were transported to the Trade Mart by police car. I gave them a briefing on the arrangements and assigned them to their respective posts.

A short time prior to the scheduled arrival of the President, I located Mr. Crow and Mr. Stemmons, co-owners of the Trade Mart, and we went to the entrance where the President would arrive and we discussed the procedure they should use when greeting the President and escorting him to the head table.

While waiting at the entrance where the motorcade would arrive, at approximately 12:25 pm I called the White House switchboard and requested the board to contact the motorcade and have them give me a five minute signal before their arrival. This telephone was located just inside the entrance. I then continued my discussions with Mr. Crow and Mr. Stemmons outside the entrance where the President's car would stop. In a few minutes the White House telephone rang and I was told that the motorcade had given the five minute signal.

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I went back outside with Mr. Crow and Mr. Stemmons to await the arrival. In a short while I heard sirens approaching along the motorcade route. The motorcade went by the Trade Mart at a great rate of speed and I noticed that there was no one seated upright in the back seat of the Presidential limousine and that there was a person lying across the trunk of the car.

After observing this I immediately called the White House switchboard for information as to what had happened. The operator on the board informed me that he had no information other than he had heard on the base radio that the President had been "hit" and that the motorcade had been instructed to proceed to the nearest hospital. I then instructed the switchboard to find out what hospital the President had been taken to, and the extent of his injury. At this time I did not know that the President had been shot. I thought that some one had thrown a rock or a stick which had hit him. After receiving this information I went into the Trade Mart and informed ATSAIC Stout that something had happened to the President.

ATSAIC Stout and I discussed the incident and decided that we and the other agents should remain at the Trade Mart in the event the injury to the President had not been serious, and that he would after treatment at the hospital return to the Trade Mart for the luncheon as scheduled.

While awaiting further information, people arrived at the Trade Mart who had been part of the motorcade. These individuals had been in cars that had been unable to keep up with the front part of the motorcade as it sped to the hospital. They indicated to me and to others that there had been some shooting and that the President had been wounded. Upon hearing this, all agents that were assigned to the Trade Mart building proceeded by Police car to the Parkland Hospital and assumed posts in the area of the emergency room where the President had been taken.

I remained on duty at the Parkland Hospital. While at the hospital ATSAIC Stout informed me of the death of the President. I remained at the hospital until the hearse carrying the body of the President, with Mrs. Kennedy riding in the back, departed the hospital for the airport. I rode

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in the front seat of a Lincoln convertible which was used as a follow-up car directly behind the hearse from Parkland Hospital to Love Field, Dallas, Texas. I assisted in getting the coffin out of the hearse and carrying it aboard Air Force I.

I remained at Love Field from that time until Air Force I departed for Washington, D. C.

After the departure of Air Force I, SA Lawson, Chief of Police Curry, and I proceeded to Dallas Police Headquarters. There had been a radio report that an individual had just been apprehended for the murder of a Dallas police officer. The thought was that the assassination of the President and the murder of the Dallas Police officer could be related.

Upon arriving at Police Headquarters we located SAIC Sorrels who was in conference with Captain Fritz, Homicide Supervisor, Dallas Police Department. From this time until approximately 4 am the morning of November 23, when I departed Police Headquarters with Inspector Kelley, who had arrived late that evening, I, along with SAIC Sorrels, SA Lawson, and other agents from the Dallas Field office, assisted the Dallas Police and Captain Fritz with the homicide investigation.

I returned to Dallas Police Headquarters at 8 am this same morning with Inspector Kelley. I remained at Police Headquarters providing what assistance I could until approximately 8:30 pm. I departed Dallas, Texas, aboard American Airlines, flight No. 628, at approximately 12 Midnight carrying a blowup of the photograph showing Oswald holding a rifle similar to the one used in the assassination which I was to deliver to our agents at the White House.

I arrived in Washington, D. C., at approximately 7 am the morning of November 24, 1963, and delivered the photograph to the White House.

*David B. Grant*  
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Special Agent  
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Statement of Special Agent David B. Grant, White House Detail, concerning advance arrangements made at Dallas, Texas, November 19-22, 1963, for the visit of President Kennedy to Dallas, Texas, November 22, 1963. Statement made on December 1, 1963.

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I arrived in Dallas, Texas, aboard Delta Air Lines flight No. 821 at approximately 7:30 pm the night of Monday, November 18, 1963, from Palm Beach, Florida, to assist SA Lawson in the arrangements for the President's visit. I was met upon my arrival by SA Lawson who transported me to my hotel.

The next morning, Tuesday, November 19, 1963, SA Lawson and I went to the Dallas Field Office where I met SAIC Sorrels and the other field office agents. SA Lawson and SAIC Sorrels briefed me on the arrangements that had been made for the visit. After this briefing we proceeded to the Dallas Trade Mart and met with representatives of the Trade Mart and Dallas Police Department. We discussed again with these individuals the Committee's program and the President's activity while he was attending the luncheon. We then surveyed the building extensively with senior Dallas Police Department officers locating security post assignments throughout the building.

On Wednesday, November 20, 1963, I accompanied SAIC Sorrels and SA Lawson to Love Field where the spotting of Air Force I was discussed, the forming of the motorcade, the route of the motorcade, off the ramp, and general security arrangements were agreed upon. When we departed Love Field we returned to the Dallas Trade Mart for more discussions with the representatives there.

On Thursday, November 21, 1963, SAIC Sorrels and I met SA Lawson at Mr. Sam Bloom's office in Dallas. Mr. Bloom was one of SA Lawson's contacts for the visit. Following the meeting there, we proceeded to Love Field and finalized the security arrangements at the airport with Dallas Police officers.

After departing the airport we returned to the Trade Mart again and had discussions with their representatives.

SAIC Sorrels, SA Lawson, and I then went to the Continental Bus Company where SA Lawson briefed the supervisors on the requirements and duties of the buses and drivers in the motorcade.

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When we departed the bus company we proceeded to Police Headquarters where Chief of Police Curry and his senior officers responsible for the various areas involved were gathered for a final meeting.

At this meeting the entire security arrangements for the visit were discussed. SA Lawson went over the entire visit, from the time of the President's arrival at Love Field until his departure. Security at Love Field, the Trade Mart, the motorcade and identifications were the subject of discussion.

Each senior police officer concerned with the visit was present and was provided with all information regarding the President's visit to pass down to their commands.

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## Memorandum

TO : Chief James J. Rowley

DATE: November 29, 1963

FROM : SA Sulliman, 1-16-White House Detail

SUBJECT: Activities of this Special Agent in Dallas, Texas, on Friday,  
November 22, 1963.

On Friday, November 22, 1963, this Special Agent was a member of the 4:00PM - 12:00AM shift under ATSAIC Stout which departed Fort Worth, Texas via U.S.A.F. # 6970 at 11:20 A.M., arriving at Dallas, Texas, Love Field, at 11:40 A.M. Upon deplaning, we were met by SA Lawson, the White House Detail Advance Agent, who instructed us to depart for the Dallas Trade Mart in waiting unmarked Dallas Police cars. Upon arriving at the Trade Mart, I reported to SA Grant, another White House Detail Advance Agent, who assigned me to my post which was the left front of the Head Table.

When word came to ATSAIC Stout at the Trade Mart that the President had been shot, he asked us to return to our awaiting police cars, and proceed to the Parkland Memorial Hospital. Arriving at the Hospital, we helped set-up security in the area around the emergency ward. Shortly after 2:00 P.M., SA Hill asked SAs Grant, Clason, and myself to clear the hallway outside of the emergency room, and do the same outside the emergency entrance to the hospital, so that the President's body could be taken out of the hospital, and into the awaiting hearse. As the hearse left the hospital under police escort, I along with other agents of the 4:00PM-12:00AM shift jumped into a 4-door Lincoln which was in the motorcade, and followed the hearse to Love Field. I then helped remove the casket from the hearse, and into U.S.A.F. # 26000. U.S.A.F. # 26000 departed Love Field at 2:00 P.M. arriving in Washington D.C. (Andrews AFB) at 6:00PM.

APPROVED:



Gerald A. Behn  
Special Agent in Charge  
1-16-White House Detail



Samuel E. Sulliman  
Special Agent  
1-16-White House Detail



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## Memorandum

TO : Chief James J. Rowley

DATE: November 30, 1963

FROM : SA Olssen, 1-16 White House Detail

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SUBJECT: Activities in Dallas, Texas on November 22, 1963.

On Friday, November 22, 1963, while under the supervision of ATSAIC Stewart G. Stout, I departed Fort Worth, Texas via USAF #6970 at 11:20 A. M. and arrived at Love Field, Dallas, Texas at 11:40 A. M. Upon arrival we were met by Special Agent Lawson, White House Detail Advance Agent. We were immediately transported to the Dallas Trade Mart via unmarked Dallas Police cars. At the Trade Mart we were met by Special Agent Grant, another White House Detail Advance Agent, and I was placed on my security post at the right front of the Head Table at which the President was to be seated.

When ATSAIC Stout received word that President Kennedy had been shot we proceeded directly to Parkland Memorial Hospital via unmarked Dallas Police cars. I assisted in security in the area of the emergency ward where the President was receiving treatment. At approximately 2:00 P. M. Special Agents Grant, Sullivan, myself, and Dallas Police personnel cleared the corridor leading from the emergency room to the emergency entrance and the area outside the emergency entrance of the hospital. I then observed the Presidents casket being loaded into a hearse.

I and other Secret Service Agents then proceeded via automobile to follow the hearse containing the Presidents casket to Love Field, Dallas, Texas. There we loaded the casket aboard USAF #26000 and departed Dallas, Texas via this same aircraft, arriving at Andrews AFB, Maryland at 6:00 P. M.

APPROVED:

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CO-2-34030

FIELD OFFICE - Dallas, Texas  
AGENT - John Joe Howlett  
DATE - November 22, 1963

On November 22, 1963, I was assigned to assist in the security at the Trade Mart, 2100 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, Texas, for the President's Visit

At 7 A.M. on November 22, 1963, I met SA Robert A. Stewart at the Secret Service Office, Dallas. SA Stewart and I proceeded to the Trade Mart in SS Car No. 361. I immediately took post at the entrance and briefed the Trade Mart People on entrance identification. At about 8:30 A.M. I met with a representative of the Dallas Power and Light Company and we went down to the tunnel under the entrance where President Kennedy was to enter. We completely inspected both tunnels and equipment and one was locked and one was left unlocked. Dallas police officers at the tunnel entrances were instructed to let no one in the tunnels unless a Secret Service Agent was present.

I returned to my post of duty and checked on the entrance procedures in process. I then went to the head table and assisted SA Robert A. Stewart by crawling under the head table and making an inspection for any dangerous objects and stability of the head table platform.

I then returned to my post of duty to check on entrance procedures and remained at this point except when it was necessary to leave in order to talk with SA Robert A. Stewart, SA Winn Lawson, and SA Dave Grant, or one of the committee members.

I was informed of the five minute arrival time and a few minutes later was advised by SA Dave Grant that the President had been hit with something and to remain at my post of duty. A short time later, it was confirmed that the President had been shot, and I was advised by one of the Special Agents of the White House Detail to get SA Robert A. Stewart and proceed to Parkland Hospital.

I located SA Robert A. Stewart in vicinity of head table and informed him we were to proceed to Parkland Hospital. I then drove SA Stewart's car to Parkland Hospital with SA Stewart.

I was advised upon arrival at Parkland Hospital to take security in the hallway leading to the emergency room. A few minutes later, I was advised by a Special Agent of the White House Detail to assist them in taking the President's car to Love Field. I then left my post and went to the President's car at the emergency entrance of Parkland Hospital.

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About five minutes later, we departed Parkland Hospital with the President's car (I was riding in the right front seat) and the Secret Service follow-up car, with a police motorcycle escort.

We drove the cars into the vicinity of the Continental Hangar at Love Field and secured the cars and kept the people at a distance of about 100 feet. The police motorcycle officer radioed the police at Love Field that we needed assistance to get the cars across the runways to where the Air Force cargo plane was parked. About five minutes later, the Love Field Police Car arrived and determined the parking area where the Air Force cargo plane was located. They then received clearance from the Love Field Tower and they escorted us to the cargo plane.

Several crew members of the cargo plane were present upon our arrival and they immediately handcranked the cargo plane's doors open. The President's car was then placed in the aircraft.

About ten minutes later, I received a ride in the Love Field Police car to the area where Air Force I was parked. I then set up my post at the left rear about 60 feet from Air Force I. I remained at this post until Air Force I departed Love Field.

  
John Joe Howlett  
Special Agent

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## Memorandum

TO : Chief James J. Rowley

FROM : SA Berger, 1-16 - White House Detail

DATE: November 30, 1963

SUBJECT: Activities of this Special Agent in Dallas, Texas, on Friday,  
November 22, 1963.

On Friday, November 22, 1963, this Special Agent was a member of the 4:00PM - 12:00AM shift under ATSAIC Stout which departed Fort Worth, Texas via USAF # 6970 at 11:20 A.M. arriving at Dallas, Texas, Love Field, at 11:40 A.M. Upon deplaning we were met by SA Lawson, the White House Detail Advance Agent, who instructed us to depart for the Dallas Trade Mart in waiting unmarked Dallas Police cars. Upon arriving at the Trade Mart, I reported to SA Grant, another White House Detail Advance Agent, who assigned me my designated post which was the press area in the second balcony.

When I received word from a newspaper man that the President had been shot I immediately went downstairs to tell ATSAIC Stout, who at this time was confirming the incident. At this time I saw Doctor Burkley and Chief Hendricks and asked them to accompany me to Parkland Hospital in a Police car which they did. Upon arriving at the hospital I assumed a post in the entrance of the emergency room. The remainder of the 4:00PM - 12:00AM shift then arrived with SA Johnson being posted with me. Soon after Mr. Dave Powers asked where the priest was. With SA Johnson holding our post the reporting agent went to the outside of the hospital where I saw two Catholic priests who I asked to accompany me to the emergency room.

Shortly thereafter FBI agent Vincent E. Drain, commission book # 5067, Dallas office arrived at the room entrance. He showed me his credentials & said he had received a telephone call from Director Hoover telling him to make himself available to us. This information was conveyed to ASAC Kellerman. When I inquired of Agent Drain who the unidentified male was who accompanied him, he replied that he was a doctor friend of his. The agent & unidentified male then proceeded to the end of the hall. Approximately 5 minutes subsequent to the visit of agent Drain an unidentified CIA agent, after showing his credentials said that he would be available.

At approximately 1:30 PM, the Chief Supervising nurse, a Mrs Nelson started to enter the emergency room with an unidentified male (WM, 45yrs, 6'2", 185-190lbs, grey hair). As the reporting agent and SA Johnson started to ask his identity he shouted that he was a FBI. Just as we began to ask for his credentials he abruptly attempted to enter the emergency room and had to be forcibly restrained by us. ASAC Kellerman then appeared and asked this individual to go to the end of the hall.

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Congressman Olin E. Teague, Texas witnessed this incident and verbally stated to this agent that if there are any inquiries in the future he would be more than glad to give a statement in the Service's behalf. Lurse Nelson was also interviewed by this agent in the presence of SA Johnson and Congressman Teague and stated that the unidentified FBI agent had not shown us any credentials nor any to her.

At approximately 2:00PM the President's body was taken from the hospital to an awaiting hearse. At this time ASATC Kellerman instructed me to drive the hearse which I did accompanied by ASATC Kellerman, ATSAIC Stout, SA Hill and Mrs Kennedy. Shortly thereafter we arrived at Love Field under police escort. I then helped remove the casket from the hearse and into USAF # 26000. # 26000 departed Love Field at 2:47 PM arriving in Washington D.C. (Andrews AFB) at 6:00PM. I then escorted President Johnson to the White House via helicopter # 2.

*Andrew E. Berger*

Andrew E. Berger  
Special Agent  
1-16, White House Detail

APPROVED:

Gerald A. Behn  
Special Agent in Charge  
1-16, White House Detail

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FIELD OFFICE - Dallas, Texas  
AGENT - Robert A. Stewart  
DATE - November 22, 1963

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On November 22, 1963, about 7 A. M., met Special Agent John Joe Hewlett at the Dallas office. We proceeded together to the Trade Mart Building, 2100 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, Texas, to take up our posts of duty, in connection with the President's visit to Dallas. We traveled in government owned auto SS-361.

My post of duty was the area of the building, immediately back of the Speaker's table and platform. Was assisted by SA Hewlett in securing the platform itself. He crawled under entire platform with a flashlight and I held up bunting sides of platform to give him light and to receive a few shreds of bunting that had been left there apparently by the decorating committee.

My area to hold secure was a space about 80' x 40' in size. There was a small kidney-shaped pool back of the speaker's platform, about 8' x 25' in size. There was also a small gazebo (Japanese summer-house) built adjoining the pool. During the morning I was contacted from time to time by Special Agent David B. Grant, who was introduced to me by Special Agent Winston G. Lawson. Also during the morning I was joined by Captain J. W. Fritz and other officers under his command, to assist in security at this post.

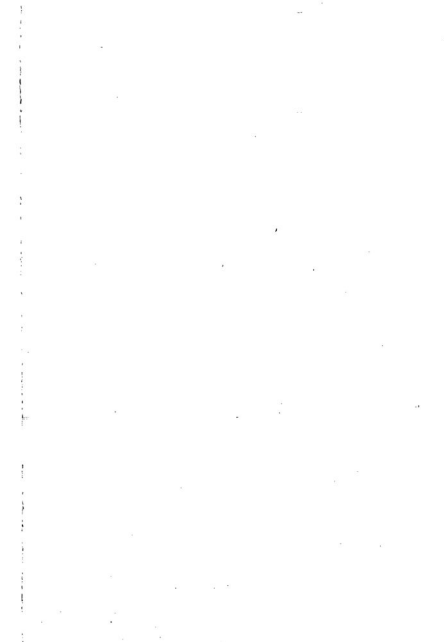
I was informed of the five minute arrival time of expected arrival. A few moments later Special Agent Grant informed Special Agent Hewlett and myself that he just learned the President had been hit with something; that we should remain at our duty post. A few minutes later Special Agent Hewlett rushed to me saying he had instructions from a White House Agent that both of us should proceed immediately to Parkland Memorial Hospital. We drove there, SA Hewlett driving, in SS-361.

At the Parkland Memorial Hospital, 5201 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas, Tex., I took up temporary post of duty at a door to a room at the Emergency section. After the President's death was announced I returned to the Dallas District office and took over duties at the telephone, to correlate activities of other agents.

  
Robert A. Stewart,  
Special Agent.

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Dallas 2 cc

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Chief James J. Rowley

DATE: November 30, 1963

FROM : SA Johnson - White House Detail

SUBJECT: Activities of Reporting Agent on November 22, 1963

I arrived at Dallas International Airport aboard USAF #6970 at 11:40 AM. I, together with ATSAIC Stout and SAs Sullivan, Berger and Olsson, was met upon disembarking by SA Lawson. SA Lawson directed us to two waiting Dallas Police Department Detective cars. We were driven directly to the Dallas Trade Mart by two Dallas Police Department detectives.

Upon our arrival at the Trade Mart we were met by SA Grant who directed the two cars to a reserved parking area. The detectives were instructed by SA Grant to remain with their cars until the conclusion of the ceremonies at the Trade Mart and then to drive those agents who rode with them back to the airport.

We were then posted in the Trade Mart by SA Grant. As I remember ATSAIC Stout was seated directly in front of the podium of the speakers stand; SAs Olsson and Sullivan on either side of the speakers stand; and SA Berger in the 1st Balcony with the movie cameras. I was assigned to the ground floor press area. Upon being posted I was informed by SA Grant that the President should arrive in approximately 50 minutes. Being that there were no press in the area I was assigned I walked onto the speakers stand and made an additional safety and security check.

After having checked the speakers stand I walked to where SA Sullivan was posted. Shortly thereafter I was informed by the press that the President had been shot. I went to the Presidential Entrance of the Trade Fair and notified SA Grant. He instructed me to notify the others on my shift and go directly to the hospital the President had been taken to. ATSAIC Stout and the others on his shift rode to the hospital in our assigned detective cars.

Upon arriving at Parkland Hospital I positioned myself with SA Berger at the door leading to the President Kennedy's room. At various times I was taken from this post and positioned outside the Vice President's room with SA Bennett.

At approximately 1:30 P.M. I was outside of the President's room with SA Berger when Chief Nurse Nelson entered the President's room. She was followed by an unidentified man (WM, 40-45 yrs, 6'2", 185 lbs, grey hair). When SA Berger and I stopped him he said, "F.B.I.", and made a determined effort to enter the President's room. We stopped stopped him and asked for his credentials. He again tried to forcibly enter the President's room and had to be restrained. After he had been subdued he produced his F.B.I. credentials. At this time ATSAIC Kellerman appeared and asked the F.B.I. agent to go to the end of the hall.

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Congressman Olin E. Teague (D-Texas) witnessed this incident. SA Perper was assured by the Congressman that the F.B.I. men had not attempted to produce any identification and appeared to be determined to enter the President's room. He stated that if there were any inquiries that he would be more than glad to give a statement in our Service's behalf.

Nurse Nelson was interviewed by SA Perper in my presence. She stated that the F.B.I. agent had showed her no identification.

Approximately 5 minutes prior to leaving the hospital with the casket and Mrs. Kennedy I was instructed to remain at the Presidential door and wait to be advised that the casket was leaving the hospital and then to ride the follow-up car to the airport. During this period a Mr. Wright from the security staff came to me with an expended bullet and wished to turn it over to a Secret Service Agent. The only information I was able to get from him prior to the departure of Mrs. Kennedy and the casket was that the bullet had been found on a stretcher which President Kennedy may have been placed on. He also stated that he found rubber gloves, a stethoscope, and other doctors' paraphernalia on this same stretcher.

On the drive from the hospital to AF #1 I rode the follow-up car. Upon our arrival at AF #1 I assisted in placing the casket upon "SAF #26000. While awaiting for the departure of AF #1 I was instructed by STSAC Stout to ride in the rear of the plane with the casket. This had been a request of President Johnson.

Upon our arrival at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., I positioned myself near the press area. After the statement to the press by President Johnson I rode helicopter #2 to the White House.

*Richard E. Johnson*  
Richard E. Johnson  
SA 1-16

APPROVED:

Gerald A. Behn  
SAC 1-16

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The attached expended bullet was received by me about 5 min., prior to Mrs. Kennedy's departure from the hospital. It was found on one of the stretchers located in the emergency ward of the hospital. Also on this same stretcher was rubber gloves, a stethoscope and other doctor's paraphernalia. It could not be determined who had used this stretcher or if President Kennedy had occupied it. No further information was obtained.

Name of person from who I received this bullet:

Mr. O. P. Wright  
Personnel Director of Security  
Dallas County Hospital District

By

Richard E. Johnson  
Special Agent  
7:30 p.m.  
Nov. 22, 1963

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STATEMENT OF JOE HENRY RICH, TEXAS HIGHWAY PATROLMAN, MADE ON NOVEMBER 28, 1963.

My name is Joe Henry Rich, employed by the Texas Highway Patrol, and I was assigned to drive the Vice President's security car November 22, 1963. As we came into the downtown area where the crowd was extra heavy, I was instructed by the Secret Service man to stay as close to the Vice President's cars as possible and so that actually about the only thing I was watching was the car ahead of me. I was staying right on his bumper. We turned off of Houston Street onto Elm Street and that was when I heard the first shot. I noticed a lot of confusion up ahead of me, motorcycle policemen and in the President's car and the President's security car. This Secret Service man in the front seat with me made the remark, "What the hell was that" and about that time I heard two more shots. There could have been more shots, but I could not say. The cars ahead of me started up then at a fast pace and the Secret Service man advised me to get the hell out of there, so I stayed as close as I could to the Vice President's car on the way to the hospital and as we pulled into the hospital at Parkland, the Secret Service man in my car got out as soon as we stopped. I stayed back with my car, but I did see them get Governor Connally out of the car and also take the President out of the car.

After that I was more or less doing security and keeping people back, etc. That is about all I have. Actually I did not see too much.

  
Joe Henry Rich

  
Witness 65557

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STATEMENT OF MURCHEL JACKS, TEXAS HIGHWAY PATROLMAN, MADE ON NOVEMBER 28, 1963.

My name is Murchel Jacks, Texas State Highway Patrolman. I was assigned on November 22, 1963, to drive the Vice President Lyndon Johnson in the Motorcade from the Airport to the Trade Mart through downtown Dallas. Just prior to turning off Main onto Houston, I noticed it was approximately twenty eight minutes past 12 noon. We just turned from Main onto Houston, drove one block, and turned left. My car had just straightened up from making the left turn. I was looking directly at the President's car at that time. At that time I heard a shot ring out which appeared to come from the right rear of the Vice President's car. Mr. Rufus Youngblood, the Secret Service Agent riding in my car asked me what that was and at the same time he advised the Vice President and Mrs. Johnson to get down. He climbed to the rear of the seat with the Vice President and appeared to be shielding the Vice President with his own body. At that time I heard two more shots ring out. At that time he told me to get out of there as fast as possible. I moved my car up directly behind the Secret Service car following the President. We turned onto Stemmons Expressway and proceeded north. Mr. Youngblood asked if I could see anybody in the President's car. I told him I could not, but that they may be down using protective measures. We drove at a high rate of speed and exited at Wycliff exit off Stemmons Expressway. We turned right on Industrial Boulevard. Mr. Youngblood then asked me how far it was to the Trade Mart. I told him that we weren't going to the Trade Mart, that we had already passed the Trade Mart. We turned left onto Barry Hines and he asked if I knew where we might be going. I told him at that time we were turning left into Parkland Hospital. I told him that somebody must have been hit because we were heading for the hospital.

We drove to the emergency entrance of Parkland Memorial Hospital. The President's car was stopped in the ambulance parking place. At that time I saw that the Vice President, Mrs. Johnson and Senator Yarbrough was out of my car and safely in the hospital. I went back to the President's car to see if I might assist. At that time the Secret Service Agents were removing Governor Connally from the jump seat. I could see that Governor Connally had been hit just below the right shoulder blade in the back. They removed Governor Connally, then picked Mrs. Kennedy from over the President's body. At that time one of the Secret Service Agents said he has been hit, put your coat over him. One of the Agents removed his suit coat and spread it over the President's body from his chest up.

Before the President's body was covered it appeared that the bullet had struck him above the right ear or near the temple. They removed his body at that time. Reporters began to arrive. We were assigned by the Secret Service to prevent any pictures of any nature to be taken of the President's car or the inside.

*James J. Kelly*  
Witness

*Murchel Jacks*  
Murchel Jacks

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STATEMENT OF MILTON T. WRIGHT, TEXAS HIGHWAY PATROLMAN, MADE ON NOVEMBER 28, 1963.

My name is Milton T. Wright, Texas Highway Patrolman, Badge No. 790. On November 23, I was assigned to drive a 63 Mercury Comet convertible that contained the Mayor and his wife and a U. S. Congressman. We turned onto Houston Street, the parade was going real well and speed was beginning to pick up and the crowd was beginning to thin right at this point. The car I was driving had just turned onto Elm Street and approximately 30 feet from the intersection when I heard the first shot. When the second shot was fired I noticed a number of people running away from the Motorcade and I saw several Dallas motorcycle policemen had their guns drawn. Then the motorcade speeded up and we went toward the hospital at a high rate of speed. I could see the President's car but I could not see anyone in the back seat. The only people I could see were the Agents. At the hospital we unloaded the Governor first and then the President. Then we were instructed to keep the news media away from the car.

*Milton T. Wright*  
Milton T. Wright

*Thomas J. Kelly*  
Witness